

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 282

To designate October 10, 1996, as the “Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 1996

Mr. BRADLEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. REID, Mr. SIMON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COATS, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROTH, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. GORTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MACK, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HEFLIN, Mrs. FRAHM, Mr. EXON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. FORD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HATFIELD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERREY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. NUNN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. PELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AUGUST 2, 1996

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To designate October 10, 1996, as the “Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence”.

Whereas violent crime among juveniles in American society has dramatically escalated in recent years;

Whereas between 1989 and 1994, juvenile arrest rates for murder in this country skyrocketed 42 percent;

Whereas in 1993, more than 10 children were murdered each day in America;

Whereas America's young people are this country's most important resource, and Americans have a vested interest in helping children survive, free from fear and violence, to become healthy adults;

Whereas America's young people can, by taking individual and collective responsibility for their own decisions and actions, help chart a new and less violent direction for the entire country;

Whereas American school children will be invited to participate in a national observance involving millions of their fellow students and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as the agents of positive social change; and

Whereas this observance will give American school children the opportunity to make a solemn decision about their future and control their destiny by voluntarily signing a pledge promising that they will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to resolve a dispute, and will use their influence to prevent friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates October 10,
- 2 1996, as the "Day of National Concern About Young Peo-
- 3 ple and Gun Violence". The President is authorized and
- 4 requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the school

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- 1 children of the United States to observe such day with
- 2 appropriate activities.

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