

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE, FAITH,
LEADERSHIP AND LEGACY OF CHARLES "CHARLIE" JAMES
KIRK**

WHEREAS, Charles "Charlie" James Kirk, born October 14, 1993, was a courageous American patriot and faithful Christian whose life was tragically and unjustly cut short in an act of political violence on September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk made the decision to follow Jesus Christ as a young person and boldly lived out his faith with conviction, courage and compassion, grounding his life and work in daily devotion to Scripture, prayer and the Gospel message; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a devoted husband to his wife Erika, and a loving father to their daughter and son, exemplifying the virtues of faith, fidelity and fatherhood; and

WHEREAS, at 18 years of age, Charlie Kirk founded Turning Point USA in 2012, which grew to more than 3,500 campus chapters and over 250,000 members nationwide, mobilizing young Americans to embrace fiscal responsibility, free markets, limited government and the blessings of liberty; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, Turning Point USA helped register and mobilize more than 125,000 new voters in the 2024 election, narrowing the youth voter gap and shaping civic engagement among the next generation; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk became one of the most prominent Christian voices in America, engaging in civil discourse on college campuses, media platforms and national forums, always seeking to elevate truth, defend Biblical values and strengthen the Republic; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's journey of faith was deepened by his study of Scripture and by life-changing experiences such as his 2018 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which inspired his unapologetic commitment to proclaiming Christ and mentoring others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk embodied the values of the First Amendment, exercising his right to speak freely, challenge prevailing narratives and stand as a model of conviction with respect for his fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, his assassination is not only a heinous act of violence but also a sobering reminder of the rising dangers of political extremism and hatred in our society, which threaten the peace, liberty and civility essential to a healthy civic order; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's death must not divide us further but instead serve as a call to recommit ourselves to dialogue, respect and the timeless American principles of liberty governed by truth; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk would not have us respond with despair, but with renewed purpose to speak truth with courage, to stand firm in faith, to seek unity without compromising

conviction and to live out the values he championed: faith, family and freedom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-second Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity:

1. To condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the assassination of Charles "Charlie" James Kirk and all forms of political violence;

2. To extend our deepest condolences and prayers to Charlie Kirk's family, including his wife, Erika, and their children;

3. To honor the life, faith, leadership and legacy of Charlie Kirk, whose example inspired a generation to cherish liberty and stand firm in their faith; and

4. To call upon all Americans, regardless of party or creed, to reject political violence, recommit to respectful debate, uphold American values and recognize one another as fellow citizens.