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Whereas the incidence of random acts of violence in the
United States has reached epidemic levels;

Whereas the Surgeon General of the United States estimates
that, every day in the United States, 135,000 children
carry guns to school;

Whereas every day in the United States, 3 children are killed by child abuse, 9 children are murdered, 13 children are killed by guns, 30 children are wounded by guns, 307 children are arrested for crimes of violence, 7,945 children are reported abused or neglected, and 5,703 teenagers are victims of violent crime;

Whereas every 4 hours a child in the United States commits suicide;

Whereas in the United States, a rape is committed every 6 minutes, and every year between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 women are battered by their partners and more than 200,000 women are stalked;

Whereas every year in the United States, there are 4.7 random acts of violence committed against every 1,000 persons 65 years of age or older;

Whereas every year in the United States, there are 758.1 random acts of violence for every 100,000 persons in the United States, and 235 firearm-related acts of violence for every 100,000 persons in the United States;

Whereas there are 238,000,000 handguns in the United States;

Whereas in 1992 in the United States, there were 1,730 anti-Semitic incidents, the total number of white-supremacist groups rose 27 percent above the number from the previous year, and a record number of bias-related incidents, including 31 murders, were reported;

Whereas hate crimes against Asians comprised 8.9 percent of all hate crimes documented in Los Angeles County in 1990; every 4 hours an African American child is murdered;

Whereas the United States strongly opposes random acts of violence, and all forms of intolerance and mean-spiritedness based on ethnicity, religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation;

Whereas the people of the United States should be encouraged to practice random acts of kindness, in the spirit of compassion, kindness, and goodwill toward all persons; and

Whereas February 14 is annually celebrated as Valentine's Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the week beginning February 12, 1995, is designated
4 as "National Random Acts of Kindness Week", and the
5 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-
6 tion calling on the people of the United States to observe
7 the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Passed the House of Representatives May 3, 1994.

Attest:

Clerk.