

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 509

Recognizing the first commemoration of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the first commemoration of the anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Whereas, on November 19–20, 2022, a mass shooting took place at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colorado Springs, Colorado;

Whereas 5 innocent victims were killed, 17 community members were injured by gunshot wounds, and 32 other community members sustained injuries, including mental and emotional trauma from witnessing this violent event;

Whereas the 5 innocent victims killed in the shooting were—

- (1) Raymond Green Vance;
- (2) Ashley Paugh;
- (3) Daniel Aston;

(4) Kelly Loving; and

(5) Derrick Rump;

Whereas the State of Colorado came together for medical and funeral expenses for those affected by the shooting;

Whereas, at the time of the mass shooting, Club Q was a dedicated LGBTQ+ safe space in Colorado Springs, Colorado;

Whereas the shooting brought further trauma and a feeling of loss of safety and security to members of the LGBTQ+ community;

Whereas the perpetrator of the attack had a history of homicidal behavior and hatefully targeted the individuals at Club Q because of their affiliation with the LGBTQ+ community;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2022, there were more than 48,000 firearm-related deaths in the United States, of which 40 percent were firearm homicides, according to provisional mortality data;

Whereas transgender people are over 4 times more likely than the broader public to experience violent victimization, including rape, sexual assault, and aggravated or simple assault;

Whereas the Federal Bureau of Investigation compiled reports of 622 anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes in 2022;

Whereas violence against LGBTQ+ people of the United States remains an evil and destructive form of identity-based hate that destroys lives and runs contrary to the values of the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States commend the club patrons Richard M. Fierro, Drea Norman, and Petty Officer Thomas James, whose bravery in disarming the perpetrator undoubtedly saved countless lives;

Whereas the people of the United States commend the service of the Colorado Springs Police Department that responded to and investigated the shooting and the prosecution team from the District Attorney’s Office of Colorado’s Fourth Judicial District that worked to bring the perpetrator to justice;

Whereas Club Q plans to reopen at a new location, and local community organizations, the city of Colorado Springs, survivors, and victims’ families are working together to establish a plan for a public memorial; and

Whereas the LGBTQ+ community of Colorado Springs, local social service organizations, and clinical partners are collaborating to open a new resource center to provide long term support for those impacted by the attack on Club Q, and the greater LGBTQ+ community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the 1 year remembrance of the
3 anti-LGBTQ+ attack that occurred on November
4 19–20, 2022, at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ bar in Colo-
5 rado Springs, Colorado; and

6 (2) expresses continued solidarity and support
7 to the survivors of the Club Q shooting, the Colo-
8 rado Springs LGBTQ+ community in the wake of

- 1 this attack, and the families, friends, and loved ones
- 2 affected by the tragedy.

