2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 42

June 24, 2013 – Introduced by Senators LASSA, CARPENTER, C. LARSON, LEHMAN, T. CULLEN, L TAYLOR and HARRIS, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, C. TAYLOR, BARNES, BALLWEG, BARCA, BERCEAU, BERNARD SCHABER, BERNIER, DANOU, GENRICH, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HULSEY, KAHL, KESSLER, KLEEFISCH, MASON, MILROY, MURPHY, OHNSTAD, PETRYK, POPE, PRIDEMORE, RINGHAND, SARGENT, SCHRAA, SINICKI, SMITH, VRUWINK and WRIGHT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: designating December 14 as a day of remembrance for the victims of the Sandy Hook school shootings.

Whereas, on December 14, 2012, a gunman broke into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, and fatally shot 20 young elementary school children and six adult school staff members; and

Whereas, this tragedy has caused the Newtown community, the families and friends of the victims, and the entire country immeasurable grief for the senseless loss of innocent children, and for the dedicated elementary school staff who died protecting and shielding the children in their care; and

Whereas, Charlotte Bacon, age six, loved school and dresses; and

Whereas, Daniel Barden, age seven, loved to ride waves at the beach and make s’mores around the bonfire with his cousins; and

Whereas, Rachel D’Avino, age 29, worked as a behavioral therapist with children with special needs and loved karate, cooking, animals, photography, and her two younger siblings; and
Whereas, Olivia Engel, age six, loved school and the colors pink and purple; and
Whereas, Josephine Gay, age seven, liked to ride her bike and sell lemonade in
her neighborhood in the summer, and loved the color purple; and
Whereas, Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung, age 47, was the principal at Sandy Hook
Elementary School and was well-loved for her enduring kindness and commitment
to the children in her care; and
Whereas, Dylan Hockley, age six, loved to cuddle and play tag with neighbors
at the bus stop every morning; and
Whereas, Madeleine F. Hsu, age six, loved running and dancing; and
Whereas, Catherine V. Hubbard, age six, loved animals and will be remembered
for her smile; and
Whereas, Chase Kowalski, age seven, loved baseball and was an energetic Cub
Scout; and
Whereas, Jesse Lewis, age six, loved math, riding horses, and playing at his
mom's farm; and
Whereas, Ana Marquez-Greene, age six, was beautiful and vibrant; and
Whereas, James Mattioli, age six, loved to dive off the diving board, swim like
a fish, and ride his bike; and
Whereas, Grace McDonnell, age seven, loved art, the beach, and her brother
and wanted to be a painter; and
Whereas, Anne Marie Murphy, age 52, was a teacher at Sandy Hook
Elementary School who loved teaching children; and
Whereas, Emilie Parker, age six, was bright, creative, and loving; and
Whereas, Jack Pinto, age six, loved football, baseball, basketball, wrestling,
and snow skiing; and
Whereas, Noah Pozner, age six, loved playing with his cousins and siblings, especially his twin sister, Arielle; and

Whereas, Caroline Previdi, age six, loved drawing, dancing, and the color pink; and

Whereas, Jessica Rekos, age six, loved orca whales, playing with her two little brothers, and everything about horses; and

Whereas, Avielle Richman, age six, was happiest when she was on a horse; and

Whereas, Lauren Rousseau, age 30, achieved her lifelong dream of being a teacher; and

Whereas, Mary Sherlach, age 56, was a school psychologist who loved gardening, reading, and going to the theater; and

Whereas, Victoria Soto, age 27, was a passionate, caring first-grade teacher whose favorite holiday was Christmas; and

Whereas, Benjamin Wheeler, age six, loved the Beatles and wanted to be an architect and a paleontologist; and

Whereas, Allison N. Wyatt, age six, loved to laugh and to draw, and wanted to be an artist; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That December 14 shall be designated as a day of remembrance for the 20 children and six adult school staff members who were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School, for the grieving friends and family of the victims, and for the community of Newtown, Connecticut.

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