



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 44

June 28, 2013 – Introduced 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, cosponsored by Senators LASSA, CARPENTER, C. LARSON, LEHMAN, T. CULLEN, L. TAYLOR and HARRIS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

13 Whereas, Rachel D'Avino, age 29, worked as a behavioral therapist with
14 children with special needs and loved karate, cooking, animals, photography, and her
15 two younger siblings; and

1 Whereas, Olivia Engel, age six, loved school and the colors pink and purple; and

2 Whereas, Josephine Gay, age seven, liked to ride her bike and sell lemonade in
3 her neighborhood in the summer, and loved the color purple; and

4 Whereas, Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung, age 47, was the principal at Sandy Hook
5 Elementary School and was well-loved for her enduring kindness and commitment
6 to the children in her care; and

7 Whereas, Dylan Hockley, age six, loved to cuddle and play tag with neighbors
8 at the bus stop every morning; and

9 Whereas, Madeleine F. Hsu, age six, loved running and dancing; and

10 Whereas, Catherine V. Hubbard, age six, loved animals and will be remembered
11 for her smile; and

12 Whereas, Chase Kowalski, age seven, loved baseball and was an energetic Cub
13 Scout; and

14 Whereas, Jesse Lewis, age six, loved math, riding horses, and playing at his
15 mom’s farm; and

16 Whereas, Ana Marquez-Greene, age six, was beautiful and vibrant; and

17 Whereas, James Mattioli, age six, loved to dive off the diving board, swim like
18 a fish, and ride his bike; and

19 Whereas, Grace McDonnell, age seven, loved art, the beach, and her brother
20 and wanted to be a painter; and

21 Whereas, Anne Marie Murphy, age 52, was a teacher at Sandy Hook
22 Elementary School who loved teaching children; and

23 Whereas, Emilie Parker, age six, was bright, creative, and loving; and

24 Whereas, Jack Pinto, age six, loved football, baseball, basketball, wrestling,
25 and snow skiing; and

