



Student Senate

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STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1013

TITLE: Resolution Memorializing the Lost Lives of the Robb Elementary School Students and Teachers in Uvalde, Texas

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WHEREAS, on May 24th, 2022, 19 students and 2 teachers of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas were killed by a gunman [1]; and,

WHEREAS, these victims included 10 year-old Alexandria “Lexi” Aniyah Rubio, 10 year-old Alithia Haven Ramirez, 10 year-old Amerie Jo Garza, 10 year-old Annabelle Guadalupe Rodriguez, 10 year-old Eliahana Cruz Torres, 9 year-old Eliahna “Ellie” Amyah Garcia, 44 year-old Eva Mireles, 48 year-old Irma Garcia, 10 year-old Jacklyn “Jackie” Jaylen Cazares, 10 year-old Jailah Nicole Silguero, 10 year-old Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, 10 year-old Jose Manuel Flores Jr., 10 year-old Layla Salazar, 10 year-old Makenna Lee Elrod, 10 year-old Maite Yuleana Rodriguez, 11 year-old Maranda Gail Mathis, 10 year-old Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo, 10 year-old Rojelio Fernandez Torres, 10 year-old Tess Marie Mata, 10 year-old Uziyah Garcia, and 10 year-old Xavier James Lopez [2]; and,

WHEREAS, 15 additional people, including staff and students, were injured and 5 victims remain in the hospital [3]; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Florida has a large population of students who have been personally affected by gun violence [4], including students who were affected by the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in 2018 [5]; and,

WHEREAS, the March for Our Lives has organized a nationwide march on June 11th, 2022 in response to the events at Robb Elementary [6]; and,

WHEREAS, the gunman had demonstrated various warning signs, including mental health issues, that were not acknowledged in the months leading up to the event [7]; and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate memorializes and honors the 21 lives lost in the Robb Elementary School shooting.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate continues to promote awareness of mental health issues and of mental health support resources available in our community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate will continue to advocate for students who have been personally affected by mass shootings; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate will continue to stand with students, families, and teachers around the nation as well as the victims affected by the shootings; and,

THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate will continue to support the cause to help end gun violence in our communities.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to President W. Kent Fuchs, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, Principal of Robb Elementary School Mandy Gutierrez, Florida Senate President Wilton Simpson, Gabriela Montes

[1] <https://www.cbsnews.com/live-updates/texas-school-shooting-robb-elementary-ualde/>

[2] <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/projects/2022/ualde-shooting-victims/>

[3] <https://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/ny-wounded-robb-elementary-school-shooting-20220527-jakkwqtdfd w7pl65kj3rxp37y-story.html>

[4] <https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/crime/2021/03/06/gda-mass-shootings-rise-in-2020-fl-nftu/115506760/>

[5] <https://www.businessinsider.com/timeline-shows-how-the-parkland-florida-school-shooting-unfolded-2018-2#february-14-2019-the-one-year-anniversary-of-the-shooting-occurs-students-families-and-staff-members-spend-the-day-re-membering-the-14-students-and-3-staff-members-who-died-15>

[6] <https://www.thedailybeast.com/march-for-our-lives-planning-national-gun-control-protests-after-ualde-texas-school-shooting>

[7] <https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/25/us/ualde-texas-school-shooting-salvador-ramos/index.html>

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