

SENATE RESOLUTION 22

(By Senators Rose, Chapman, and Hart)

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1 Honoring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk and designating October 14 as "Charlie Kirk Day" in
2 West Virginia.

3 Whereas, Charles James Kirk, known to the world as Charlie Kirk, was born on October
4 14, 1993, in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and dedicated his life to promoting conservative principles,
5 free speech, and civic engagement among young Americans; and

6 Whereas, At the age of 18, Charlie Kirk co-founded Turning Point USA in 2012,
7 transforming it from a modest campus initiative into a nationwide organization that empowered
8 millions of students to champion liberty, limited government, and traditional values through
9 education, activism, and dialogue; and

10 Whereas, Charlie Kirk became a prominent voice in American conservatism, hosting the
11 widely syndicated "The Charlie Kirk Show," speaking at major events such as the Republican
12 National Convention and the Conservative Political Action Conference, and inspiring a new
13 generation to defend the American Dream, faith, family, and the foundational principles of our
14 republic; and

15 Whereas, Tragically, Charlie Kirk was fatally shot on September 10, 2025, while
16 courageously engaging in an open forum on free speech at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah,
17 at the age of 31, an act of senseless violence that shocked the nation and underscored the vital
18 importance of the very ideals he fought to protect; and

19 Whereas, Charlie Kirk's unwavering commitment to open debate, his devout faith as a
20 husband, father, and friend, and his belief that the power of ideas can ignite movements and foster

1 national renewal left an indelible mark on West Virginia and the United States, where his message
2 of hope, patriotism, and resilience continues to resonate with our citizens; and

3 Whereas, In recognition of his extraordinary contributions and to ensure his legacy
4 endures, the United States Congress has passed resolutions designating October 14 as a
5 National Day of Remembrance for Charlie Kirk, and states across the nation, including
6 Tennessee, have followed suit by honoring his birthday; and

7 Whereas, The State of West Virginia, with its proud tradition of honoring patriots and
8 defenders of freedom, joins in this tribute to celebrate the life of Charlie Kirk and to promote the
9 values he held dear—values that strengthen our communities, schools, and families; and

10 Whereas, Designating October 14 as "Charlie Kirk Day" will serve as an annual reminder
11 for West Virginians to reflect on the power of principled leadership, the defense of free expression,
12 and the pursuit of a more united and virtuous society; therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate:*

14 That the Senate hereby honors the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk and designates October
15 14 as "Charlie Kirk Day" in West Virginia; and, be it

16 *Further Resolved*, That the Senate hereby honors the life and enduring legacy of Charlie
17 Kirk, a true American patriot whose work advanced the cause of liberty and inspired countless
18 individuals to engage in the public square with courage and conviction; and, be it

19 *Further Resolved*, That October 14 of each year is hereby designated as "Charlie Kirk Day"
20 in West Virginia, a day on which all residents are encouraged to commemorate his birthday
21 through educational programs, community discussions on free speech and conservative
22 principles, and acts of service that reflect his commitment to faith, family, and freedom; and, be it

23 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
24 the family of Charlie Kirk and to Turning Point USA.