



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution remembering the victims of the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, 19 children and 2 teachers were killed in a tragic, preventable mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the children killed in this senseless tragedy ranged from ages 8 to 11 years old. These children were trapped in a fourth-grade classroom at Robb Elementary with the shooter for over an hour; and

WHEREAS, the children lost are: Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo, Jacklyn Cazares, Makenna Lee Elrod, Jose Manuel Flores, Jr., Eliahna Garcia, Uziyah Garcia, Amerie Jo Garcia, Xavier Lopez, Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, Tess Mata, Maranda Mathis, Alithia Ramirez, Annabelle Rodriguez, Maite Rodriguez, Alexandria "Lexi" Rubio, Layla Salazar, Jailah Nicole Silguero, Eliahana Torres, and Rojelio Torres. The grief felt at the senseless and avoidable loss of these young and innocent lives is profound; and

WHEREAS, Irma Garcia was one of the fourth-grade teachers killed. An educator for over 20 years, she spent her entire career at the Robb Elementary, and leaves behind four children of her own; and

WHEREAS, Eva Mireles was also a fourth-grade teacher. Ms. Garcia and Ms. Mirales co-taught fourth grade and both gave their lives in order to save their innocent students; and

WHEREAS, in addition to those killed, 17 people were injured in the shooting and many more were witnesses and whose lives have been forever changed; and

WHEREAS, the United States has more mass shootings than any other country in the world. While other countries have mental illness, domestic violence, and hateful ideologies that can lead violence, our easy access to guns makes mass shootings possible and inevitable; and

WHEREAS, stricter gun laws that curb access to guns would definitively result in fewer mass shootings. A majority of Americans agree that gun laws should be stricter in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council mourns the loss of these 21 innocent victims and extends its deepest sympathy to the community of Uvalde, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as remembering the lives of the 21 people killed in the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, including 19 children and 2 teachers.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council further goes on record as supporting stricter gun laws that will keep guns out of the wrong hands.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.