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Supporting the goals and principles of Transgender Day of Remembrance by recognizing the epidemic of violence toward transgender people and memorializing the lives lost this year.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and principles of Transgender Day of Remembrance by recognizing the epidemic of violence toward transgender people and memorializing the lives lost this year.

Whereas Transgender Day of Remembrance was created following the 1998 killing of Rita Hester, a transgender woman of color, whose murder has yet to be solved;

Whereas the following year, on November 20, 1999, Gwendolyn Ann Smith created the first Transgender Day of Remembrance in honor of Rita Hester and other transgender people whose lives were lost due to violence;

Whereas Transgender Day of Remembrance 2026 honors the memory of the lives of transgender people tragically lost in acts of violence between November 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026;

Whereas the United States is currently experiencing an epidemic of violence against transgender people;

Whereas, as of the date of the introduction of this resolution, at least 25 transgender or gender nonconforming people were violently killed in the United States in 2026, a number many believe to be much higher due to the prevalence of underreporting or misreporting violence against this community;

Whereas the lives of Aleanna Royal Belcher, Asia Williams, Asir Hare, Danielle Spillman, Davonta Curtis, Denise Foster, Erykah Caldwell, Girlalala, Hailey ''Spot'' Singleton, Jade Roberts, Jayla McGee, Jhené Audrict, Jonathan McKinsey, Juju Nadeau, Juniper Blessing, La'Daijah Walters, Lanessa Rodriguez, Lilith Marcotte, Lucas Ameh Avery Knapp, Marlow Trottie, Nathaniel Potts, Paris Harris, Patti Wilson, Persia Amarra Conway, and Sophie Lee were tragically lost in acts of violence between November 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026;

Whereas, as of the date of the introduction of this resolution, at least 271 transgender or gender nonconforming people have been lost in acts of violence worldwide in 2026, according to the Transgender Day of Remembrance memorial page from Trans Lives Matter;

Whereas, on June 25, 2026, Victoria Cruz, a transgender activist who participated in the 1969 Stonewall uprising, was an unwavering advocate for survivors of violence, and

had far-reaching impact in transgender activism, passed away;

Whereas violence against transgender people of the United States disproportionately impacts transgender women of color;

Whereas Black transgender women are the most targeted group to experience violence in the United States;

Whereas transgender people of the United States face barriers to health care, such as a lack of health insurance, stigma and discrimination, higher rates of unemployment, and, in an increasingly higher number of States, legal barriers to accessing medical care;

Whereas transgender people disproportionately suffer from higher rates of homelessness, with a survey from Advocates for Trans Equity finding as many as ⅓ of transgender people surveyed have experienced homelessness in their lifetime, including half of indigeneous respondents and 39 percent of Black respondents;

Whereas 40 percent of transgender people surveyed have attempted suicide in their lifetime, including 1 in 20 who attempted suicide in 2025, a rate that is almost 10 times higher than the rest of the United States population;

Whereas nearly 2 in 5 of all transgender youth in the United States have considered attempting suicide at least once in the last year, and 1 in 10 reported attempting suicide in the past year;

Whereas asylum seekers and refugees who are transgender experience disproportionate rates of violence, including sexual violence, as they seek safety;

Whereas transgender immigrants have died in detention centers in the United States due to medical neglect, injury, and abuse at the hands of staff;

Whereas transgender people in institutional settings such as jails and prisons are subject to high levels of violence and discrimination, especially when they lack access to appropriate facilities and care based on their gender identity;

Whereas transgender students are significantly more likely to experience bullying or harassment at school due to their gender identity;

Whereas understanding and addressing the challenges faced by transgender people in the United States is hampered by a severe lack of data;

Whereas Congress and the executive branch must act to protect and preserve the lives of all people in the United States, including transgender people, through inclusive legislation and policies that treat everyone with dignity and respect;

Whereas the continued introduction of anti-transgender legislation and Executive orders have fueled violence against transgender people in the United States;

Whereas efforts to restrict access to gender-affirming healthcare have stripped many transgender people of access to medically-necessary care, led to a spike in poor mental health and suicidality among transgender youth and adults, increased bullying and assault in schools, and left parents afraid that their children may be removed from their homes because they support their transgender child;

Whereas the transgender community has shown great resilience in the face of adversity in all aspects of their lives,

including housing, education, employment, and health care; and

Whereas the transgender community has demonstrated tremendous leadership since the courageous actions of many community members, including Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, at the Stonewall uprising of 1969: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and principles of Transgender Day of Remembrance by recognizing the epidemic of violence toward transgender people and memorializing the lives lost this year;

(2) recognizes that the alarming prevalence of violence against transgender people in the United States, particularly transgender women of color, is unacceptable, and that finding solutions to these issues must be a pressing priority for the United States Government;

(3) supports efforts to study, respond to, and prevent violence against transgender people;

(4) affirms the principle that every person is endowed with basic human rights and that the commitment of the United States to this principle must encompass every single individual;

(5) recognizes the bravery and resilience of the transgender community as it fights for equal dignity and respect; and

(6) recognizes the multitude of contributions and cultural impact the transgender community has had on the society of the United States.