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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the people of the United States should be encouraged to practice random acts of kindness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TUCKER (for himself, Mr. LEHMAN, Mr. THOMAS of California, Mr. VALENTINE, Mr. WYNN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WATT, and Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the people of the United States should be encouraged to practice random acts of kindness.

Whereas the incidence of random acts of violence in the United States has reached epidemic levels;

Whereas the Surgeon General of the United States estimates that, every day in the United States, 135,000 children carry guns to school;

Whereas every day in the United States 3 children are killed by child abuse, 9 children are murdered, 13 children are killed by guns, 30 children are wounded by guns, 307 children are arrested for crimes of violence, 7,945 chil-

dren are reported abused or neglected, and 5,703 teenagers are victims of violent crime;

Whereas every 4 hours a child in the United States commits suicide;

Whereas, in the United States, every 6 minutes a rape is committed, and every year between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 women are battered by their partners and more than 200,000 women are stalked;

Whereas, every year in the United States, there are 4.7 random acts of violence committed against every 1,000 persons 65 years of age or older;

Whereas, every year in the United States, there are 758.1 random acts of violence for every 100,000 persons in the United States, and 235 firearm-related acts of violence for every 100,000 persons in the United States;

Whereas there are 238,000,000 handguns in the United States;

Whereas, in 1992 in the United States, there were 1,730 anti-Semitic incidents, the total number of white-supremacist groups rose 27 percent above the number from the previous year, and a record number of bias-related incidents, including 31 murders, were reported;

Whereas hate crimes against Asians comprised 8.9 percent of all hate crimes documented in Los Angeles County in 1990;

Whereas the United States strongly opposes random acts of violence, and all forms of intolerance and mean-spiritedness based on ethnicity, religion, race, gender, or sexual orientation; and

Whereas Professor Chuck Wall of Bakersfield College has committed his efforts to promoting random acts of kindness among all people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the people of the United States should
3 be encouraged to practice random acts of kindness, in the
4 spirit of compassion, kindness, and goodwill toward all
5 persons.

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