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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 998

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Celebrating the life of Charles James Kirk.

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WHEREAS, Charles James Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA, a national student movement dedicated to educating and empowering young Americans to embrace the principles of limited government, free markets, and individual responsibility, died on September 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, through Charles “Charlie” James Kirk's leadership, Turning Point USA grew to become a nationwide presence, inspiring millions of young people to engage in the democratic process, while championing the values of freedom and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a tireless defender of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, believing that free speech strengthens our Republic and must be met with reasoned debate rather than censorship or violence; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk worked to ensure that conservative voices, especially those of students on college campuses, were protected, heard, and encouraged to participate fully in civic life; and

WHEREAS, through his work with Turning Point USA, Charlie Kirk engaged with college students throughout the Commonwealth, and he received an honorary doctorate of humanities from Liberty University in Lynchburg for his promotion of American values and common liberties; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's writings, speeches, and broadcasts advanced the public conversation on issues of national importance and fostered a culture of robust but peaceful dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was guided by faith, patriotism, and an enduring belief that the United States remains the greatest experiment in liberty in the history of mankind; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was wholly dedicated to his wife Erika and their children, and he extolled the virtues of Godly marriage and family; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ, who believed in the saving power of God's forgiveness and reconciliation through the cross; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's murder is mourned by family members, friends, colleagues, and countless Americans whose lives were touched by his passion for liberty and dedication to preserving the values of the Republic and the spreading of the Gospel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Delegates hereby note with great sadness the loss of Charles James Kirk, an advocate for civic engagement, free speech, and the advancement of liberty for future generations; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the family of Charles James Kirk as an expression of the House of Delegates' respect for his memory.

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