

House Resolution 548

By: Representatives Romman of the 97th, Hilton of the 48th, McClain of the 109th, Tran of the 80th, Mughal of the 105th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Lauren Kristara Sawyer; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia joins Peachtree Corners council member Joe Sawyer in
3 mourning the loss of his daughter, Lauren Sawyer, on Monday, November 21, 2022; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Lauren was born March 12, 1991, in Lawrenceville, Georgia, to her beloved
5 parents, Joseph "Joe" and Kimberly Gresham Sawyer; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Lauren loved the Lord and was a loving mother to her three children. She
7 enjoyed decorating, fashion design, dancing and singing; and
- 8 WHEREAS, her soul was beautiful inside and out. She lived a creative life, always putting
9 others first. Lauren was a social butterfly to all who came across her path; and
- 10 WHEREAS, she attended Norcross High School and then continued her education at
11 Samford Brown Nursing School; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Lauren tragically passed away due to an act of senseless gun violence on
13 Monday, November 21, 2022; and

14 WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Bishop Cornelius and
15 Mother Margaret Sawyer. She is survived by her children, Kameron Sawyer, Kelsey Sawyer,
16 and Kya Wright; her parents, Joseph "Joe" and Kimberly Gresham Sawyer; her only sister,
17 Lacey Brooke Travis (Michael); her nephews, Colsten, Houston, and Winston; her maternal
18 grandparents, Billy and Marie Collins and Mike Gresham; and a host of aunts, uncles,
19 cousins, extended family, and dear friends; and

20 WHEREAS, her family hopes that her death is not in vain and that common sense gun safety
21 measures will be put into place to prevent future deaths; and

22 WHEREAS, those measures include extreme risk protection orders that prevent abusive
23 partners from accessing guns and targeting their partners and those around them; and

24 WHEREAS, extreme risk protection orders are widely supported by members of law
25 enforcement as well as gun safety advocates as important steps to protect the public, peace
26 officers, and persons in crisis alike against gun violence.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Lauren Kristara Sawyer
29 and express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Lauren Kristara Sawyer.