State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

House Resolution

H.R. 7

House resolution supporting President Obama's appointment of a group to make recommendations to deter mass shootings in the United States

Offered by: Representatives Nuovo of Middlebury, Ancel of Calais, Burke of Brattleboro, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Evans of Essex, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Greshin of Warren, Lanpher of Vergennes, Martin of Springfield, Masland of Thetford, McCullough of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, O'Brien of Richmond, Rachelson of Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Stuart of Brattleboro, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wilson of Manchester, Wizowaty of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, in July 2012, a gunman opened fire in an Aurora, Colorado movie theater, killing a dozen persons and wounding over 50 others who were attending a film presentation, and

Whereas, in December 2012, a man opened fire at an Oregon shopping mall, resulting in his killing two persons and himself and injuring several others, and

Whereas, just days later, a gunman killed 20 first-grade students and six school personnel at a school in Newtown, Connecticut, and

Whereas, in August 2006, a gunman killed one teacher and wounded a second at the Essex Elementary School after earlier shooting a school teacher at her home in Essex, and after he fled the school he shot a male victim, and

Whereas, in response to these mass shootings, on December 19, 2012, President Barack Obama asked Vice President Joe Biden to lead a group consisting of governmental and nongovernmental officials to propose deterrents to mass shootings, and the group submitted its recommendations to the President in January 2013, and

Whereas, this group has completed its work and submitted its recommendations to the President, and

Whereas, Congress will be taking up these recommendations, now therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

That this legislative body requests Congress to consider supporting the recommendations of the President and the committee, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Clerk of the House be directed to send a copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, and the Vermont Congressional Delegation.