

House Resolution 79

By: Representatives Drenner of the 86th, Abrams of the 84th, O'Neal of the 146th, Jones of the 46th, Meadows of the 5th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the tragic shooting in
2 Tucson, Arizona, on January 8, 2011; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives express our sympathy and
4 condolences to the victims of the Arizona shooting that killed or injured more than a dozen
5 people at the public constituents event in Tucson on Saturday, January 8, 2011; and

6 WHEREAS, our thoughts and prayers go to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and the
7 numerous bystanders who were involved in this senseless tragedy and to their families; and

8 WHEREAS, we express hope for the speedy and full recovery of those wounded in the
9 shooting and offer our heartfelt condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of
10 Christina Taylor Green, Dorothy Morris, John Roll, Phyllis Schneck, Dorwan Stoddard, and
11 Gabriel Zimmerman, who lost their lives in the attack; and

12 WHEREAS, we also commend for their bravery several of those in attendance at this event,
13 including Patricia Maisch, Roger Sulzgeber, Joseph Zimudie, and Daniel Hernandez, Jr., who
14 helped apprehend the gunman and assist the injured, selflessly risking their lives for the
15 safety of others; and

16 WHEREAS, we collectively as a body condemn this horrific attack; and

17 WHEREAS, it is times like these that remind us that as Americans we should resolve to carry
18 on a dialogue of democracy consisting of friendly discourse as we openly exchange ideas,
19 striving to address the issues and challenges facing the great people of our state and the
20 generations to come; and

21 WHEREAS, as we go forth in serving the great people of this state, we will keep in our
22 hearts and in our minds those who have paid a great cost to insure that we are given the great

23 honor to be Representatives in such an amazing form of government; and

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25 WHEREAS, may we lead this state while honoring our system of democracy with bipartisan
26 civility and cooperation.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body express our sympathy and condolences to those involved in the
29 tragedy on January 8, 2011, in Tucson, Arizona; commend those who selflessly risked their
30 own lives during the attack to help others; condemn the attack; and commit to allow this
31 event to serve as the latest reminder of the importance of showing courtesy and mutual
32 respect to those exercising their rights and participating in our democratic system of
33 government.