

House Resolution 459

By: Representatives Wilensky of the 79th, McLaurin of the 51st, Douglas of the 78th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Wilson of the 80th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Maura Binkley and commending the formation of Maura's
2 Voice; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of a vibrant, smart citizen with the passing
4 of Maura Binkley on November 2, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, she was born in Dunwoody, Georgia, on March 4, 1997, the daughter of Jeff
6 and Margaret Binkley and sister of Sean Binkley; and

7 WHEREAS, her passion for life, family, and friends and her focus as a student and
8 researcher were felt by those around her who were uplifted by her caring and kind nature;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Maura Binkley graduated from Dunwoody High School and was in college at
11 Florida State University where she studied German and editing and writing. Her passions
12 were her friends, her husky dog, and world travel; and

13 WHEREAS, Maura was awarded an Academic Scholarship to Florida State University and
14 the University of Wuppertal in Germany, where she studied in 2018, and was a finalist for
15 a Fulbright scholarship at the time of her passing; and

16 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
17 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
18 her family and friends were admired by others; and

19 WHEREAS, Maura Binkley will long be remembered for her courage, strength, good humor,
20 love of family, and friendship, and this loyal daughter, sister, and friend will be missed by
21 all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

22 WHEREAS, Maura's Voice is founded today March 4, 2019, on Maura's birthday by her
23 family and will work to deepen the scientific understanding of and effective responses to the
24 epidemic of gun violence in America; and

25 WHEREAS, Maura's Voice will develop knowledge for and test innovative approaches to
26 evaluation, management, treatment, and prevention strategies, as well as sound policy and
27 implementation; and

28 WHEREAS, Maura's Voice will promote responsibility and accountability among individuals
29 and institutions, fostering positive cultural change, demonstrating to all that "only love can
30 conquer hate."

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Maura Binkley, express
33 their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing, commend the formation of Maura's
34 Voice, and extend best wishes for its success.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Maura Binkley.