



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 08-019

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CONCERNING HONORING JEANNE ASSAM.

WHEREAS, On December 9, 2007, Matthew Murray drove to the Youth With A Mission campus in Arvada, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 12:30 A.M., the gunman, Matthew Murray, shot four students, killing Tiffany Johnson and Philip Crouse and injuring Dan Griebenow and Charlie Blanch; and

WHEREAS, Following the shooting in Arvada and later that day, the gunman drove to New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, At approximately 1 P.M. on December 9, 2007, the gunman entered the parking lot of New Life Church, as a church service was concluding; and

WHEREAS, The gunman carried as many as one thousand rounds of ammunition for his assault rifle, with the apparent intent to cause a great loss of life and injury; and

WHEREAS, The gunman began to open fire on the members of the congregation as they exited the church, injuring Judy Purcell and David Works and killing Mr. Works' two daughters, Stephanie and Rachel Works; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Assam, a volunteer security guard, was inside the church when she became aware of the shooting taking place and rushed toward the scene; and

WHEREAS, Upon witnessing the gunman entering the church and firing his weapon, Jeanne Assam, putting herself in harm's way and risking her own life, drew her weapon, believing God was with her, and stepped into the gunman's line of fire; and

WHEREAS, Jeanne Assam shot Mr. Murray and thereby stopped him from harming any more of the hundreds of people in the church; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby recognize:

(a) That Jeanne Assam's actions on December 9, 2007, were heroic and warrant the respect and commendation of the citizens of Colorado; and

(b) That, due to her unselfish and heroic actions, Jeanne Assam saved an untold number of lives; and

(2) That we hereby honor Jeanne Assam and commend her for her acts of bravery in protecting hundreds of children and adults from harm at New Life Church.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Jeanne Assam and New Life Church.

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THE SENATE

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