

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1615

By Senators Shallenburger, Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Hill, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Rose, Ryckman, Shane, Starnes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson and Warren

12-5

---

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the life and legacy of  
2 Charlie Kirk and recognizing October 14, 2026, and every October 14  
3 thereafter, as Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day.  
4

5 WHEREAS, In 2012, Charlie Kirk, a staunch advocate for free speech  
6 and debate, founded Turning Point USA; and

7 WHEREAS, Through his work at Turning Point USA, Charlie Kirk  
8 showcased his commitment to free speech and civil discourse on college  
9 campuses across the country; and

10 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was tragically assassinated on September  
11 10, 2025, while speaking at a Turning Point USA event in Utah; and

12 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's legacy will continue to serve as an  
13 example of the importance of free speech, the values of the First  
14 Amendment and our nation's commitment to civil debate: Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of  
16 Representatives concurring therein: That we condemn the assassination of  
17 Charlie Kirk and extend our heartfelt condolences to his family; and

18 *Be it further resolved:* That, to honor Charlie Kirk's legacy, the  
19 Legislature hereby recognizes October 14, 2026, and every October 14  
20 thereafter, as Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day in Kansas; and

21 *Be it further resolved:* That, because October 14 is Charlie Kirk's  
22 birthday, it is a particularly special day to recognize his legacy; and

23 *Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature encourages the Governor  
24 of the State of Kansas to join the Legislature in recognizing October 14,  
25 2026, and every October 14 thereafter, as Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day  
26 in Kansas to honor the life of Charlie Kirk and to provide an opportunity  
27 for all Kansans to reaffirm the importance of free speech and civil  
28 discourse; and

29 *Be it further resolved:* That we encourage Kansans to celebrate each  
30 Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day by exercising their freedom of speech and  
31 engaging in civil discourse to honor the memory of Charlie Kirk; and

32 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send enrolled  
33 copies of this resolution to Senator Shallenburger and the Governor of the

- 1 State of Kansas.