

Senator Richardville offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 3.

A resolution to decry the recent shooting in Tucson and to express the hope that this tragedy can unify our country.

Whereas, The recent shooting in Tucson, Arizona, which took the lives of 6 people, including a federal court judge and a 9-year-old girl, and injured 13 people, including Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, has shocked the country. It has also generated confusion, as senseless violence does, as we ask questions that defy answers; and

Whereas, The heroic actions taken by the men and women at the site of the shooting to halt the rampage, even as they placed themselves at greater risk, as well as the measures taken to provide immediate first aid and comfort to the victims, reflect the best of our national character; and

Whereas, Although it seems ironic, in times of tragedy and confusion, there is often an opportunity. Much as our heartbroken country came together in the wake of 9/11 and much as communities come together in the aftermath of a natural disaster, an event as jarring as these senseless deaths and injuries reminds us of how much we have in common. Clearly, there are ways in which we can honor the victims of the Tucson shooting by recommitting ourselves to working together in pursuit of the more perfect union to which we are all dedicated; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we decry the recent shooting in Tucson and join together to express our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones who have experienced the loss of those close to them and our well wishes for speedy recoveries for the injured; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.