

No. R-19. House concurrent resolution wishing United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords and the other surviving victims of the tragic Tucson shooting incident a successful recovery, and expressing sincere condolences to the families of those who died.

(H.C.R.19)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, on Saturday morning, January 8, 2011, United States

Representative Gabrielle Giffords was conducting one of her periodic

“Congress on Your Corner” constituent events at a local supermarket, and

Whereas, as the event was proceeding, a gunman began firing bullets, and one of the bullets directly hit Congresswoman Giffords, and

Whereas, six of the individuals attending the event, including Chief Arizona United States District Court Judge John M. Roll (63); Gabriel Zimmerman (30), an aide to the congresswoman; Christina Taylor Green (9), who served as the Mesa Verde Elementary School student council president; Phyllis Schneck (79), a retired college librarian and great-grandmother; Dorwan Stoddard (76), who was an active volunteer at his church; and Dorothy Morris (76), who was always ready to assist a neighbor in need, were killed in the attack, and

Whereas, another dozen individuals, including two other congressional aides, Pamela Simon and Ron Barber, were injured, and

Whereas, Congresswoman Giffords was rushed to the University of Arizona’s University Medical Center where emergency surgery was

performed, and her ability to respond to simple postsurgical commands has caused the surgeons to be “cautiously optimistic,” and

Whereas, an amazingly talented individual, Congresswoman Giffords is a graduate of Scripps College and Cornell University, has worked in economic development and her family’s business, and is a French horn player, an accomplished equestrian, and an enthusiastic motorcycle rider, and

Whereas, now in her third congressional term, she began her political career as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives, proceeded to become the youngest woman ever elected to the Arizona Senate, and is married to U.S. Navy Captain and astronaut Mark Kelly, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly wishes United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords and the other surviving victims of the tragic Tucson shooting incident a successful recovery, and expresses its sincere condolences to the families of those who died, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords, to the United States District Courthouse in Tucson, to the Mesa Verde Elementary School, and to the families of each of those killed in the Tucson shooting.