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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with deep sadness of the death of Starkesia Marie Reed and Siretha La'Jasmine White, both of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Starkesia was 14 years old and a student at Harper High School, where she was part of the JROTC program; she died on March 3, 2006, when a bullet fired from an assault rifle missed its target and struck her while she was in the living room of her home; and

WHEREAS, Siretha, known affectionately as "Nugget", was a fourth grade honor student at Vernon Johns Community Academy in Chicago; she died on March 11, 2006, when a stray bullet, meant for a man on the porch of the house where she was celebrating her birthday, missed its mark; and

WHEREAS, The tragic passing of these precious children could have been prevented with more stringent gun laws in place, especially a ban on assault weapons; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Starkesia Marie Reed and Siretha La'Jasmine White, and we call for an end to such senseless violence in all of our communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the families of Starkesia and Siretha as an expression of our condolences.