

By Senator Martin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance;
3 creating s. 683.338, F.S.; designating October 14 of
4 each year as "Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance";
5 authorizing the Governor to issue an annual
6 proclamation; providing an effective date.
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8 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a champion of free speech, civil
9 dialogue, and faith, and

10 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk consistently promoted the values of
11 individual liberty, open debate, civic engagement, and defense
12 of constitutional principles, and

13 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk believed in the power of free speech
14 and the open debate of ideas as the foundation of a free
15 society, and he dedicated his life to ensuring those principles
16 were upheld on college and university campuses and in public
17 life, and

18 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a co-founder and the executive
19 director of Turning Point USA, a nonprofit organization with
20 thousands of chapters nationwide, including active chapters at
21 colleges and universities across this state, where his work
22 inspired Florida students to embrace civic participation and the
23 principles of liberty and democracy, and

24 WHEREAS, through his public speaking, writing, and media
25 presence, Charlie Kirk reached millions of Americans, including
26 Floridians of all ages, encouraging them to take part in civic
27 life and defend constitutional freedoms, and

28 WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's life's work contributed to
29 strengthening civic education, youth leadership, free speech,

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and public discourse within this state and across the nation,
and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk is honored for his contributions to
free speech, open debate, civic education, youth leadership, and
the advancement of individual liberties, which left a lasting
impact on this state's students and civic organizations, and

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk's tragic death on September 10, 2025,
was not only a national loss but also deeply felt within
Florida's civic and educational communities, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 683.338, Florida Statutes, is created to
read:

683.338 Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance.—

(1) October 14 of each year is designated as "Charlie Kirk
Day of Remembrance."

(2) The Governor may annually issue a proclamation
designating October 14 as "Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance."

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.