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Missouri State Representatives George Hruza and Travis Wilson Call for Unity Amid Tragic Acts of Violence on American Soil

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Today, we reflect on the terror attacks of September 11, 2001. The tragic strikes on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and aboard flight 93 in Pennsylvania claimed the lives of 2,977 Americans and forever changed our nation. The victims and the families who mourn them represented the very heart of our nation as America wept together and vowed to stand united.

Twenty-four years later, we are reminded of the hatred and evil that persists among us. This month alone, we have witnessed the heartbreaking acts of violence striking our communities. Ukrainian refugee Iryna Zarutka came to the United States seeking peace, safety, and opportunity. She tragically lost her life to senseless violence in Charlotte, North Carolina, on what should have been an ordinary commute.

On September 10th, Charlie Kirk, a true patriot, was assassinated while addressing students at Utah Valley University on the American Comeback Tour. Charlie devoted his life to empowering the next generation to live out the core values and principles that define and strengthen our nation.

"Iryna was the embodiment of the American Dream. Charlie Kirk was a beacon of hope that promoted the incredible country of freedom and opportunity the U.S. represents," said Rep. Hruza, R-St. Louis. "We have to come together to reject the evil that took them away from us and rededicate ourselves to the ideals of individual liberty and opportunity to honor Charlie and Iryna's memory."

On the same day as Kirk's assassination, students at Evergreen High School in Colorado were met with terror in their classrooms. A shooter opened fire, critically injuring three innocent teenagers. Prior to this month, on August 28th, students at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, Minnesota were attacked by a shooter as they were in their morning mass at the beginning of the school year. Two children were killed and 21 were injured in their own house of worship.

Rep. Wilson, R-St. Charles, emphasized his call to action by stating, "Let us pledge our efforts now to working toward a "more perfect union". With the guidance of our Lord Jesus above, and a shared vision of trust in one another, and malice toward none, perhaps we can restore America to being that "shining city on a hill" once more. May God bless the families of the fallen, the people of Missouri, and the America we all share."

On this solemn anniversary of 9/11 and during a week of tragedy and violence against our own people, we call for unity, courage, and compassion more than ever before. We may come from different walks of life, but we are bound together as Americans. In these moments of despair, we must embrace the ideals that strengthen us. We must honor the lives we have lost and take it upon ourselves to build a nation where violence and hatred have no place.

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