

House Resolution 111

By: Representatives Wilson of the 80th, Mainor of the 56th, Kausche of the 50th, McLaurin of the 51st, Roberts of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 1-7, 2021, as National Gun Violence Survivors Week in Georgia; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, nearly 39,000 Americans, including 1,603 Georgians, are killed by acts of gun
4 violence every year on average; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia has the 11th highest rate of gun homicides in the United States with the
6 rate of gun homicides increasing by 35 percent between 2009 and 2018 and total gun deaths
7 increasing by 20 percent; and

8 WHEREAS, fifty-eight percent of Americans have experienced gun violence or know
9 someone who has experienced gun violence, and it disproportionately impacts Black and
10 Latino Americans, women, and children; and

11 WHEREAS, guns are the leading cause of death for children and adolescents in the United
12 States, and teachers and students bear the responsibility of preparing for potential violence
13 in schools, sacrificing their educational time to participate in drills and safety training; and

14 WHEREAS, citizens across Georgia and the nation have been advocating for new laws that
15 promote firearm responsibility, and they honor National Gun Violence Survivors Week to
16 remember the atrocities of the past while working toward a safer and more just future for
17 every community; and

18 WHEREAS, raising awareness of this national epidemic is a critical step in preventing more
19 lives from being lost and family tragedies while also honoring the survivors of gun violence
20 and taking action.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize February 1-7, 2021, as National Gun Violence Survivors
23 Week in Georgia.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 public and the press.