

## House Resolution No. 6052

By Representatives Parker, Holscher, Lusk, Neighbor, Ousley and Stogsdill

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1 A RESOLUTION urging Congress to repeal the Dickey amendment and  
2 to adequately fund the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
3 (CDC) in order to enable research examining gun violence as a public  
4 health issue.

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6 WHEREAS, In 1996, Congress added a policy rider amendment to the  
7 federal spending bill pertaining to CDC funding, which became known as  
8 the "Dickey amendment"; and

9 WHEREAS, The Dickey amendment provided that "none of the funds  
10 made available for injury prevention and control at the Centers for  
11 Disease Control and Prevention may be used to advocate or promote gun  
12 control"; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to the Dickey amendment, Congress  
14 redirected \$2.6 million then earmarked for gun violence research to other  
15 CDC endeavors; and

16 WHEREAS, The Dickey amendment has resulted in a chilling effect  
17 on gun violence research and research on the causes of gun violence and  
18 its effect on public health; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite attempts to remove the Dickey amendment from  
20 new federal spending bills, and executive orders directing the CDC to  
21 research this issue, Congress still fails to adequately fund the CDC to  
22 produce meaningful research on gun violence; and

23 WHEREAS, In light of the tragic shootings that have occurred in  
24 schools and elsewhere across the United States since the passage of the  
25 Dickey amendment, research into gun violence as a public health issue  
26 has become as imperative as ever: Now, therefore,

27 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
28 That we urge Congress to repeal the Dickey amendment and to  
29 adequately fund the CDC in order to enable research examining gun  
30 violence as a public health issue; and

31 Be it further resolved: That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
32 Representatives shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to each  
33 member of the Kansas congressional delegation and shall work with  
34 Kansas' legislative leaders to send a copy to the legislative leaders in  
35 other states, including the Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
36 the President of the Senate of every state legislature in the United States.