A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance; creating s. 683.338, F.S.; designating October 14 of each year as "Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance"; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, Charlie Kirk was a champion of free speech, civil dialogue, and faith, and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, through his public speaking, writing, and media presence, Charlie Kirk reached millions of Americans, including

Floridians of all ages, encouraging them to take part in civic life and defend constitutional freedoms, and

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

CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.