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3 **Title: Gun Control and Mental Illness**
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5 **Introduced by: Ali Moiin, MD, for the Wayne County Delegation**
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9 **Referred to: Reference Committee D**
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11 **House Action: Adopted as Amended**
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14 **Whereas, the recent incident at Sandy Hook Elementary School in New Town,**
15 **Connecticut, which involved usage of semi-automatic weapons with large capacity**
16 **magazine, shook the nation at its core about issues of gun control and mental illness,**
17 **and**
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19 **Whereas, the recent prosecution and judicial proceedings in the Aurora**
20 **shooting incident, in which twelve individuals lost their lives, revealed the assailant**
21 **has significant mental illness, and**
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23 **Whereas, in 2009 the United States had a population of 307 million people, and**
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25 **Whereas, based on production data from firearms manufacturers, there are**
26 **roughly 300 million firearms owned by civilians in the United States as of 2010; of**
27 **which almost 100 million are hand guns, and**
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29 **Whereas, roughly 16,272 murders were committed in the United States during**
30 **2008, of which almost 10,886 or 67 percent were committed with firearms, and**
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32 **Whereas, since 1972, a wide body of research has suggested that the accuracy**
33 **of clinical risk assessments of violence might be increased if clinicians used actuarial**
34 **tools, and**
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36 **Whereas, new methodologies of “classification tree” models are available as**
37 **interactive software for evaluation of violence in psychiatric patients called**
38 **classification of violence risk (COVR); therefore be it**
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40 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask our AMA to support and advocate for legislation in**
41 **the United States to enhance access to mental health care and pay greater attention to**
42 **the diagnosis and management of mental illness and concurrent substances abuse**
43 **disorders; and be it further**
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45 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask component parts of our AMA to identify and**
46 **develop standardized approaches to mental health assessment for potential violent**
47 **behavior together with interested stakeholders at the national level; and be it further**
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49 **RESOLVED: That MSMS ask our AMA to actively engage in our national debate**
50 **on gun control.**
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