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Designating December 1994 as “Goods For Guns Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHUMER introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating December 1994 as “Goods For Guns Month”.

Whereas handguns and assault weapons flood the streets of the cities and communities of the Nation in unprecedented numbers;

Whereas, because of the easy availability of guns, increasing numbers of children are the victims of homicide;

Whereas the proliferation of gun violence represents a significant public health crisis;

Whereas a New York entrepreneur and his 14-year-old son conceived, in December 1993, of a gun-exchange program called Goods For Guns, which swept thousands of guns off the streets of New York City;

Whereas this program received widespread media attention and launched a grassroots movement of similar programs across the United States, resulting in the collection and destruction of tens of thousands of guns;

Whereas Goods For Guns programs are privately funded and are administered by local law enforcement authorities;

Whereas Goods For Guns programs are nonpartisan and represent private-sector innovation for the public good;

Whereas, given the recent passage of legislation to ban the future manufacture and sale of semiautomatic assault weapons, Goods For Guns programs are a means to permanently remove these weapons from the streets;

Whereas Goods For Guns programs help to eradicate senseless street violence that claims human lives;

Whereas December is a month of holidays filled with love, gift-giving, and reflection; and

Whereas the original Goods For Guns program was conceived in the spirit of the holidays and out of love for mankind:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That December 1994 is designated as “Goods For Guns
4 Month”, and the President is authorized and requested
5 to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United
6 States to observe the month with appropriate programs
7 and activities.

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