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H. RES. 694

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require that a standing committee (or subcommittee thereof) hearing be held whenever there is a moment of silence in the House for a tragedy involving gun violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2016

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RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That rule XI of the Rules of the House of
2 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3 lowing new clause:

4 **“Hearings related to moments of silence**

5 “7. Whenever a moment of silence related to a trag-
6 edy in the United States or its territories involving gun
7 violence occurs on the floor of the House, the Speaker
8 shall announce on the next legislative day the standing
9 committee (or subcommittee thereof) designated to hold
10 a hearing on such event. Such hearing shall occur within
11 ten legislative days of the day of the moment of silence.
12 If the chair of the designated committee or subcommittee
13 does not call the requested hearing within three calendar
14 days of the Speaker’s announcement, a majority of the
15 members of the committee or subcommittee may file in
16 the offices of the committee or subcommittee their written
17 notice that a hearing of the committee or subcommittee
18 will be held. The written notice shall specify the date and
19 hour of the hearing. The committee or subcommittee shall
20 meet on that date and hour. Immediately upon the filing

1 of the notice, the clerk of the committee or subcommittee
2 shall notify all members of the committee or subcommittee
3 that such hearing will be held and inform them of its date
4 and hour. Such notice shall also be made publicly available
5 in electronic form and shall be deemed to satisfy para-
6 graph (g)(3)(A)(i) of clause 2 of this rule. Only the event
7 that was the subject of the moment of silence may be con-
8 sidered at that hearing.”.

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