

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1188

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to definitions and general
8 provisions; stating legislative intent; establishing
9 Charlie Kirk Free Speech Day; requesting issuance of
10 certain annual proclamation; providing for
11 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 90.31 of Title 25, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Legislature finds that:

19 1. Charlie Kirk, born on October 14, 1993, and tragically
20 martyred by assassination on September 10, 2025, was the preeminent
21 voice of a generation, inspiring millions of young Americans to
22 engage in civic discourse, champion conservative principles, and
23 reclaim the foundational values of faith, family, liberty, limited
24 government, and individual responsibility;

25 2. As the founder and chief executive officer of Turning Point
26 USA, Kirk led a transformative movement on college campuses and

1 beyond, empowering students to defend free markets, secure borders,
2 and traditional family structures against ideological overreach;

3 3. Kirk stood as a modern civil rights leader, fearlessly
4 advocating for equal opportunity under the law, color-blind
5 meritocracy, and the protection of constitutional rights for all
6 citizens regardless of race, creed, or background in an era of
7 divisive identity politics;

8 4. A vocal and unapologetic Christian, Kirk embodied the
9 Christian heritage that undergirds American exceptionalism, publicly
10 proclaiming his faith in Jesus Christ as a guiding force in the
11 pursuit of justice, moral clarity, and the defense of the unborn;

12 5. Through relentless persecution, cancellation attempts,
13 smears, and ultimately his assassination, Kirk became a martyr for
14 truth and faith, enduring personal and professional attacks with
15 unwavering resolve to expose corruption, challenge elite narratives,
16 and uphold objective reality in the face of censorship and cultural
17 decay; and

18 6. As a tireless free speech advocate, Kirk fought against
19 suppression by technology companies, university indoctrination, and
20 government overreach, ensuring that dissenting voices, especially
21 those of the next generation, could flourish in the public square,
22 thereby preserving the First Amendment as the bedrock of a free
23 society.

24 B. October 14 of each year is hereby designated as Charlie Kirk

1 Free Speech Day in remembrance of his courage and faith, to honor
2 his extraordinary contributions to American discourse, faith, and
3 freedom, and to commemorate his ultimate sacrifice for these
4 principles. On this day, Oklahomans are encouraged to reflect on
5 the principles Kirk championed, participate in educational events
6 promoting civic engagement, and honor his legacy as a martyr for
7 truth and liberty.

8 C. The Governor is hereby requested to issue an annual
9 proclamation calling upon the people of Oklahoma to observe Charlie
10 Kirk Free Speech Day with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and
11 activities that recognize his role as a beacon of hope and heroism
12 for future generations.

13 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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