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Kirk mourners hope for a ‘turning point’



People wait in line Sept. 14 before a prayer vigil for political activist Charlie Kirk outside the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC. Kirk was shot and killed by a gunman on Sept. 10 at Utah Valley University. AL DRAGO/GETTY IMAGES

Lawmakers, Trump officials join in tribute at Kennedy Center

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WASHINGTON – Trump administration officials, Republican lawmakers and other supporters gathered at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, on Sept. 14 to pay tribute to conservative commentator Charlie Kirk, who was fatally shot last week at a Utah college campus.

More than an hour before the prayer vigil was scheduled to begin, a line of attendees behind a red velvet rope extended out the door and around the building. Some attendees sported “Make America Great Again” hats and T-shirts with slogans.

A line of police vehicles was also parked on the drive up to the Kennedy Center, Washington’s iconic theater that overlooks the Potomac River. Thou-

sands of people packed into a large theater at the venue, as some stood singing and raising their hands while a trio played a Christian song to kick off the ceremony.

The vigil was open to the public “due to an overwhelming outpouring of support from supporters” of Kirk, according to a news release from

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Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said a deal to switch TikTok to U.S.-controlled ownership is “between two private parties,” following talks with Chinese Vice Premier He Lifeng in Madrid on Sept. 15.

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U.S., China reach TikTok framework agreement

Trump, Xi to confirm deal in Sept. 19 phone call

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The United States and China reached a framework agreement to switch short-video app TikTok to U.S.-controlled ownership that will be confirmed in a call between President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping on Sept. 19, U.S. officials said Sept. 15.

Trump had hinted that a deal has been reached to resolve issues over TikTok’s China-based ownership, days before the next ban deadline for the social media app.

“A deal was also reached on a ‘certain’ company that young people in our Country very much wanted to save. They will be very happy!” Trump wrote in a Truth Social the morning of Sept. 15.

Some government officials have raised concerns that TikTok, which is owned by Beijing-based company ByteDance, poses a national security threat because of possible data sharing

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Holloman hosts marathon and community day for huge crowd

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Holloman Air Force Base hosted its first combined Ace of Races Marathon and Community Connections Day on Sept. 6.

The event, which merged the third annual marathon with the second biennial Community Connections Day, aimed to maximize opportunities for the local and national community to visit

the base and learn about its operations, according to a community announcement.

“We’re thrilled to have been able to welcome so many people to our base today,” said Col. John Ethridge, 49th Wing commander. “The support we continuously receive from the local community is valuable beyond measure, so we’re very proud to show them how they enable the hard-working men and women

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An Air Force recruit, center, poses with family in front of an F-16 Fighting Falcon during Community Connections Day at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, Sept. 6.

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