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Expressing support for the designation of June 2, 2023, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2023 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 2023

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. COSTA, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. HAYES, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. FROST, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. TRONE, Ms. CHU, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BROWN, Ms. MENG, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. TITUS, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CROW, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. ROSS, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. BALINT, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Ms. WILD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of June 2, 2023, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2023 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

Whereas, each year in the United States, more than—

(1) 43,000 individuals are killed and 76,000 individuals are wounded by gunfire;

(2) 17,000 individuals are killed in homicides involving guns;

(3) 25,000 individuals die by suicide using a gun; and

(4) 500 individuals are killed in unintentional shootings;

Whereas, since 1968, more individuals have died from guns in the United States than have died on the battlefields of all the wars in the history of the United States;

Whereas 2022 was an especially deadly year for the United States, with an estimated 20,100 people killed in gun homicides or nonsuicide-related shootings;

Whereas, in 2022, unintentional shootings by children surpassed 350 incidents for the third year in a row, resulting in nearly 140 deaths annually;

Whereas, by one count, in 2022 in the United States, there were 646 mass shooting incidents in which at least 4 people were killed or wounded by gunfire;

Whereas, nationwide, 65,000 military veterans died by suicide from 2010–2021, the overwhelming majority as the result of a firearm;

Whereas, every year in the United States, nearly 4,000 children and teens are killed by gun violence and 15,000 children and teens are shot and wounded;

Whereas approximately 9,300 people in the United States under the age of 25 die because of gun violence annually, including Hadiya Pendleton, who, in 2013, was killed at 15 years of age in Chicago, Illinois, while standing in a park;

Whereas, on June 2, 2023, to recognize the 26th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and wear orange in tribute to—

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) the loved ones of those victims; and

Whereas June 2023 is an appropriate month to designate as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports—

3 (A) the designation of “National Gun Violence Awareness Month” and the goals and
4 ideals of that month; and
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6 (B) the designation of “National Gun Violence Awareness Day”, in remembrance of the
7 victims of gun violence; and
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9 (2) calls on the people of the United States

10 to—

1 (A) promote greater awareness of gun vio-
2 lence and gun safety;

3 (B) wear orange, the color that hunters
4 wear to show that they are not targets, on “Na-
5 tional Gun Violence Awareness Day”;

6 (C) concentrate heightened attention on
7 gun violence during the summer months, when
8 gun violence typically increases; and

9 (D) bring community members and leaders
10 together to discuss ways to make communities
11 safer.

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