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H. RES. 1271

Expressing support for the designation of June 7, 2024, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2024 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 3, 2024

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. STEVENS, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. COSTA, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. TITUS, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FROST, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. NADLER, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CASE, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. CARSON, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. AMO, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MORELLE, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. MENG, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CROW, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Ms. ADAMS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2024 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

Whereas each year in the United States more than—

- (1) 44,000 individuals are killed and 88,000 individuals are wounded by gunfire;
 - (2) close to 18,000 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 2023 was a deadly year for the United States, with an estimated 18,800 people killed in gun homicides or nonsuicide-related shootings;

Whereas, in 2023, unintentional shootings by children surpassed 400 incidents for the first time ever, resulting in nearly 160 deaths annually;

Whereas, by one count, in 2023 in the United States, there were 656 mass-shooting incidents in which at least 4 people were killed or wounded by gunfire;

Whereas nationwide, 87,000 military veterans died by gun suicide from 2002 to 2021;

Whereas, every year in the United States, nearly 4,000 children and teens are killed by gun violence and 21,000 children and teens are shot and wounded;

Whereas, approximately 9,400 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 7, 2024, to recognize the 27th 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 2024, 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

5 (B) the designation of “National Gun Violence Awareness Day”, in remembrance of the
6 victims of gun violence; and

7 (2) calls on the people of the United States
8 to—

9 (A) promote greater awareness of gun violence and gun safety;

10 (B) wear orange, the color that hunters wear to show that they are not targets, on “National Gun Violence Awareness Day”;

1 (C) concentrate heightened attention on
2 gun violence during the summer months, when
3 gun violence typically increases; and

4 (D) bring community members and leaders
5 together to discuss ways to make communities
6 safer.

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