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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by  
3 gun violence, and 230 are shot and wounded; on average, there  
4 are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

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WHEREAS, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun  
6 homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

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WHEREAS, Illinois has 1,400 gun deaths every year, with a  
8 rate of 11 deaths per 100,000 people; Illinois has the 36th  
9 highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and

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WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they  
11 serve is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

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WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of  
13 law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away  
14 from people that shouldn't have them; and

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WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than  
16 ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun  
17 violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, of  
18 increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and  
19 an increase in city gun violence; and

1           WHEREAS, In January of 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, born June  
2           2, 1997, was tragically shot and killed at age 15; on June 4,  
3           2021, to recognize the 24th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton,  
4           people across the United States will recognize National Gun  
5           Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya  
6           Pendleton, other victims of gun violence, and the loved ones  
7           of those victims; and

8           WHEREAS, The idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's  
9           friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by  
10          wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear  
11          orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the  
12          woods, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human  
13          life; and

14          WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear  
15          orange on June 4th, the first Friday in June of 2021, to help  
16          raise awareness about gun violence; and

17          WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 4, 2021, Americans will  
18          raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun  
19          violence victims and survivors; therefore, be it

20          RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
21          HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22          we declare June 4, 2021 to be Gun Violence Awareness Day in the

1 State of Illinois and encourage all citizens to support their  
2 communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun  
3 violence and to honor and value human lives; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That we renew our commitment to reduce gun  
5 violence, pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the  
6 wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help  
7 keep our children safe.