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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 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

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

7 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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than
16 ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun
17 violence after more than two years 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 25th birthday of Hadiya Pendleton,
4 people across the United States recognized National Gun
5 Violence Awareness Day and wore 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 3rd, the first Friday in June of 2022, to help
16 raise awareness about gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 3, 2022, 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 3, 2022 to be Gun Violence Awareness Day in the

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

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