

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To recognize Friday, June 2, 2017, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, every day, ninety-one Americans are killed by gun violence, and countless others are injured by guns; and

WHEREAS, Americans are more than twenty-five times more likely to be murdered with guns than people in other developed countries; and

WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities he or she serves is among a legislator's highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and

WHEREAS, June 2, 2017, would have been the twentieth birthday of Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade who was tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and

WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and those Americans whose lives are cut short or who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of organizations has designated June 2, 2017, as the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, the idea was initiated by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, a color they chose because hunters wear orange to make their presence known to other hunters, and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 2 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence, and honor the lives and human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for citizens and public servants of the state of Louisiana to renew their commitment to reduce gun violence, to pledge to do all they can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep everyone safe.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Friday, June 2, 2017, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and further encourages all citizens of the great state of Louisiana to support their communities' efforts to honor and value human lives by preventing the tragic effects of gun violence.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE