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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Every day, 125 people in the United States are  
3 killed by gun violence, and more than 260 people are shot and  
4 wounded, with an average of more than 19,000 gun homicides  
5 every year; and

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WHEREAS, People in the United States are 26 times more  
7 likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income  
8 countries; and

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WHEREAS, Protecting public safety in the communities they  
10 serve is among a state lawmaker's highest responsibilities;  
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WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of  
13 law-abiding citizens goes together with keeping guns away from  
14 those who are a danger to themselves or others; and

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WHEREAS, Gun violence prevention is more important than  
16 ever as we see gun violence continue to impact communities  
17 across the country; and

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WHEREAS, In January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton was tragically  
19 shot and killed at age 15, and on June 6, 2025, to recognize  
20 her 28th birthday, June 2, 1997, people across the United

1 States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and  
2 wear orange in tribute to Hadiya Pendleton and other victims  
3 of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear  
11 orange on June 6th, the first Friday in June 2025, to help  
12 raise awareness about gun violence; and

13 WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 6, 2025, people across  
14 the United States will raise awareness about gun violence and  
15 honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

16 WHEREAS, A commitment to reduce gun violence and a pledge  
17 to do all we can to keep firearms out of the hands of people  
18 who should not have access to them and encourage responsible  
19 gun ownership will help keep our families and communities  
20 safe; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
2 we declare June 6, 2025 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in the  
3 State of Illinois, and we encourage all citizens to support  
4 their communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of  
5 gun violence and to honor and value human lives.