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H. RES. 753

Expressing support for the designation of June 2, 2016, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2016 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2016

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. LEE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. FUDGE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of June 2, 2016, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2016 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

Whereas, each year, more than—

- (1) 32,000 people in the United States are killed and 80,000 are injured by gunfire;
- (2) 11,000 people in the United States are killed in homicides involving firearms;
- (3) 21,000 people in the United States commit suicide by using firearms; and
- (4) 500 people in the United States are killed in accidental shootings;

Whereas, since 1968, more people of the United States have died from guns in the United States than on the battlefields of all the wars in the history of the United States;

Whereas, by 1 count in 2015 in the United States, there were—

(1) 372 mass shooting incidents in which not fewer than 4 people were killed or wounded by gunfire; and

(2) 64 incidents in which a gun was fired in a school;

Whereas gun violence typically escalates during the summer months;

Whereas, every 70 minutes, 1 person in the United States under 25 years of age dies because of gun violence, and more than 6,300 such individuals die annually, including Hadiya Pendleton, who, in 2013, was killed at 15 years of age while standing in a Chicago park;

Whereas, on June 2, 2016, on what would have been Hadiya Pendleton's 19th birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya and other victims of gun violence and their loved ones; and

Whereas June 2016 would be 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
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1 (B) the designation of “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” in remembrance of the
2 victims of gun violence; and

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4 (2) calls on the people of the United States
5 to—

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

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

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

11 (D) bring citizens and community leaders together to discuss ways to make communities safer.
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