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S. RES. 179

Expressing support for the designation of June 2, 2017, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2017 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of June 2, 2017, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” and June 2017 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 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 2016 in the United States there were—

- (1) 384 mass shooting incidents in which not fewer than 4 people were killed or wounded by gunfire; and
- (2) 48 incidents in which a gun was fired in a school;

Whereas gun violence typically escalates during the summer months;

Whereas, every 70 minutes, 1 individual 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; and

Whereas, on June 2, 2017, on what would have been Hadiya Pendleton's 20th 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: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports—

3 (A) the designation of June 2017 as “Na-
4 tional Gun Violence Awareness Month” and the
5 goals and ideals of that month; and

1 (B) the designation of June 2, 2017, as
2 “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” in re-
3 membrance of the victims of gun violence; and
4 (2) calls on the people of the United States
5 to—

6 (A) promote greater awareness of gun vio-
7 lence and gun safety;

8 (B) wear orange, the color that hunters
9 wear to show that they are not targets, on June
10 2;

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

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

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