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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

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SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes Friday, June 2, 2017, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To recognize Friday, June 2, 2017, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day.
3	WHEREAS, every day, ninety-one Americans are killed by gun violence, and
4	countless others are injured by guns; and
5	WHEREAS, Americans are more than twenty-five times more likely to be murdered
6	with guns than people in other developed countries; and
7	WHEREAS, protecting public safety in the communities he or she serves is among
8	a legislator's highest responsibilities; and
9	WHEREAS, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes
10	hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from dangerous people; and
11	WHEREAS, June 2, 2017, would have been the twentieth birthday of Hadiya
12	Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade who was
13	tragically shot and killed just weeks later; and
14	WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and those Americans whose lives are cut short or
15	who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition of organizations has designated
16	June 2, 2017, as the third annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day; and
17	WHEREAS, the idea was initiated by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their
18	classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange, a color they chose because hunters

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- 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
- 5 WHEREAS, by wearing orange on June 2, Americans will raise awareness about gun
- 6 violence, and honor the lives and human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and
- 7 WHEREAS, it is desirable for citizens and public servants of the state of Louisiana
- 8 to renew their commitment to reduce gun violence, to pledge to do all they can to keep
- 9 firearms out of the wrong hands, and to encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep
- 10 everyone safe.

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 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

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 recognize Friday, June 2, 2017, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and further

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 encourages all citizens of the great state of Louisiana to support their communities' efforts

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 to honor and value human lives by preventing the tragic effects of gun violence.

DIGEST

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