

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes June 1, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To recognize Friday, June 1, 2018, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Louisiana.

3 WHEREAS, every day, ninety-six 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 a gun than people in other developed countries; and

7 WHEREAS, protecting public safety is among a legislator's highest responsibilities;
8 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, 2018, would have been the twenty-first birthday of Hadiya
12 Pendleton, a teenager who marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade and who
13 was shot and killed just weeks later; and

14 WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and the ninety-six Americans whose lives are cut
15 short and the countless survivors who are injured by shootings every day, a national coalition
16 of organizations has designated June 1, 2018, as the fourth annual National Gun Violence
17 Awareness Day; and

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

1 WHEREAS, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to wear orange on June 1
2 to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

3 WHEREAS, by celebrating Wear Orange Weekend from June 1-3 and wearing
4 orange on June 1, Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives
5 and human potential of Americans stolen by gun violence; and

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

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize Friday, June 1, 2018, as National Gun
12 Violence Awareness Day in Louisiana, and further encourages all citizens of the great state
13 of Louisiana to support efforts to honor and value human lives by preventing the tragic
14 effects of gun violence.

DIGEST

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