

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Wear Orange campaign and its partners across the
2 nation are urging Americans to join together in observance of the
3 first annual National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 2, 2015;
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5 WHEREAS, Since the late 1990s, deaths caused by firearms in
6 our nation have averaged more than 30,000 a year, which includes
7 some 11,500 homicides, 18,000 suicides, and 650 accidental deaths;
8 moreover, another 60,000 people are seriously injured by guns each
9 year; and

10 WHEREAS, The national Wear Orange campaign was founded by
11 classmates of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old girl in Chicago who
12 was shot and killed on January 29, 2013, only a week after she had
13 performed at the second inauguration of President Barack Obama; in
14 her honor, her classmates began urging others in the community to
15 wear orange, the color hunters wear for safety; and

16 WHEREAS, On the first annual National Gun Violence Awareness
17 Day, the Wear Orange campaign is being joined by nearly 50 partner
18 organizations to encourage individuals to wear orange on June 2 in
19 remembrance of those who died in firearms incidents and to support
20 the goal of ending gun violence in our communities; and

21 WHEREAS, By turning the color orange into a symbol of the
22 value of human life, the Wear Orange campaign is inspiring
23 Americans to work toward the worthwhile goal of transforming our
24 country into one where every person can live free from gun violence;

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1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
3 Legislature hereby recognize June 2, 2015, as National Gun Violence
4 Awareness Day in Texas.

Martinez Fischer

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3636 was adopted by the House on June 1, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House