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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Every day, approximately 100 Americans are killed  
2 and countless others are injured by gun violence; and

3 WHEREAS, Statistics show that nearly 40,000 people died from  
4 firearm injuries in the United States in 2017 alone; moreover, the  
5 gun homicide rate in this country is 25 times that of other  
6 developed nations; and

7 WHEREAS, One tragic example of the devastating consequences  
8 of gun violence is found in the death of Hadiya Pendleton; a  
9 teenager from Chicago, she was tragically shot and killed in  
10 January 2013, just a week after marching in President Barack  
11 Obama's second inauguration parade; to honor Hadiya, and the many  
12 others who are killed or wounded by gun violence every day, June 7,  
13 2019, is being observed as the fifth annual National Gun Violence  
14 Awareness Day; and

15 WHEREAS, The idea for the annual event was inspired by a group  
16 of Hadiya's friends, who asked classmates to commemorate her life  
17 by wearing orange; the color was chosen because of its use by  
18 hunters to protect themselves from accidental shootings, and it has  
19 since been embraced by the gun safety movement as a symbol for the  
20 value of human life; and

21 WHEREAS, By wearing orange on June 7, Americans can show  
22 their support for National Gun Violence Awareness Day and  
23 demonstrate their commitment to building a safer future for all;  
24 now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby recognize June 7, 2019, as National Gun Violence  
3 Awareness Day.