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# S. RES. 524

Expressing support for the designation of June 1 through June 3, 2018 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend” and June 2018 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2018

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CARPER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. COONS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of June 1 through June 3, 2018 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend” and June 2018 as “National Gun Violence Awareness Month”.

Whereas, in the United States each year, more than—

- (1) 35,000 individuals are killed and 80,000 individuals are injured by gunfire;
- (2) 12,000 individuals are killed in homicides involving firearms;
- (3) 21,000 individuals commit suicide by using firearms; and
- (4) 500 individuals are killed in unintentional shootings;

Whereas, since 1968, more individuals have died from guns in the United States than have died on the battlefields of all the wars in the history of the United States;

Whereas, by one count, in 2017 in the United States, there were—

(1) 346 mass shooting incidents in which not fewer than 4 people were killed or wounded by gunfire; and

(2) 64 incidents in which a gun was fired in a school or college;

Whereas gun violence typically escalates during the summer months;

Whereas nearly 2,700 children and teens are killed by gun violence every year, including Hadiya Pendleton, who, in 2013, was killed at 15 years of age while standing in a Chicago park; and

Whereas, during the weekend of June 1 through June 3, 2018, the weekend in which Hadiya Pendleton would have had her 21st birthday, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Weekend and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya and other victims of gun violence and the loved ones of those victims: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports—

3                       (A) the designation of June 2018 as “Na-  
4                       tional Gun Violence Awareness Month” and the  
5                       goals and ideals of that month; and

6                       (B) the designation of June 1 through  
7                       June 3, 2018 as “National Gun Violence

1 Awareness Weekend” in remembrance of the  
2 victims of gun violence; and

3 (2) calls on the people of the United States  
4 to—

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

7 (B) wear orange, the color that hunters  
8 wear to show that they are not targets, during  
9 the weekend of June 1 through June 3, 2018;

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

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

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