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## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 650

Offered May 30, 2018

*Commending the Wear Orange on June 1 Campaign.*

Patron—Kory

WHEREAS, the Wear Orange on June 1 Campaign strives to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence through awareness, advocacy, and compassionate support; and

WHEREAS, the Wear Orange Campaign was established by friends of Hadiya Pendleton, a 15-year-old Chicago high school student who was killed by gun violence in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the organizers of the Wear Orange Campaign chose the color orange—the same color commonly worn by hunters in the woods for safety—as a way to increase visibility and draw attention to the organization's mission; and

WHEREAS, each year, hundreds of people throughout the United States wear orange clothes and participate in Orange Meet-Ups to make their voices heard and stand in solidarity with community members who have been affected by gun violence and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Wear Orange Campaign has inspired support from prominent elected officials at all levels of government, celebrities, youth and professional sports teams, and more than 150 corporate and nonprofit partner organizations, and landmarks throughout the country have been painted or lit orange in honor of the campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Wear Orange Campaign is a diverse movement, bringing together people from many walks of life to find common cause in keeping their communities safe by reducing gun violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Wear Orange on June 1 Campaign hereby be commended for its work to raise awareness of gun violence in America and promote change; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Wear Orange on June 1 Campaign as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the organization's mission and the dedicated work of its members and supporters.

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