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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution designating the month of September 2020
3 as "Violence Prevention and Awareness Month" in
4 Florida.

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Law Enforcement reports that in
7 2018 violent crime posed a serious danger to Floridians, with
8 1,107 homicides, 8,436 rapes, 55,491 aggravated assaults, and
9 16,862 robberies committed in Florida, and

10 WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation states that in
11 2018 approximately 1,206,836 violent crimes occurred throughout
12 the United States, including 16,214 homicides, 139,380 rapes,
13 807,410 aggravated assaults, and 282,061 robberies, and

14 WHEREAS, on average 1,488 children die each year from gun
15 violence, such as the homicide on August 30, 2016, in which 8-
16 year-old Jada Page was killed in a drive-by shooting in Miami,
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18 WHEREAS, the public has been horrified and saddened by the
19 mass shooting events such as the one on June 12, 2016, in which
20 49 people were killed and 53 people were wounded in the Pulse
21 nightclub in Orlando and the one on February 14, 2018, in which
22 17 people were killed and 14 people were wounded at Marjory
23 Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, and

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24 WHEREAS, in the most recent statistics, Florida has the
25 21st highest violent crime and homicide rates in the United
26 States, and

27 WHEREAS, several Florida counties, including Miami-Dade,
28 Palm Beach, and Marion, have created violence prevention
29 projects to raise awareness and prevent violence in their
30 communities, and

31 WHEREAS, by focusing on education and engagement, promoting
32 public and personal safety, preventing avoidable conflicts, and
33 fostering communication and respect, these projects have helped
34 reduce violence in Florida, and

35 WHEREAS, greater public awareness could help prevent
36 violence, NOW, THEREFORE,

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38 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
39 Florida:

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41 That the month of September 2020 is designated as "Violence
42 Prevention and Awareness Month" in Florida.