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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Expressing support for the designation of September 10, 2024, as “National Firearm Suicide Prevention Day” to educate about the growing firearm suicide crisis in the United States and promote the importance of storing firearms safely and securely as an essential component of suicide prevention.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 10, 2024, as “National Firearm Suicide Prevention Day” to educate about the growing firearm suicide crisis in the United States and promote the importance of storing firearms safely and securely as an essential component of suicide prevention.

Whereas, each and every day in the United States, 74 individuals lose their life to firearm suicide;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Health Statistics, in

2022, a firearm was used in 54.6 percent of all suicides in the United States;

Whereas firearm suicide rates across the United States increased by 14-percent over the past decade;

Whereas firearms are by far the deadliest method of suicide, 90 percent of suicide attempts with a gun are fatal;

Whereas easy access to firearms triples the risk of suicide;

Whereas 4,600,000 children live in homes with access to an unlocked or unsupervised gun;

Whereas in 75 percent of youth firearm suicides the gun storage method was identified, the gun was stored loaded and unlocked;

Whereas firearms are the most rapidly increasing suicide method for preteens in the United States;

Whereas Hispanic children have seen the greatest increase in suicide rate, while Black children face the highest suicide rate amongst all preteens in the United States;

Whereas 71 percent of veteran suicide deaths are the result of a firearm;

Whereas simply storing a firearm safely is a factor known to reduce the likelihood of a gun owner dying by firearm suicide;

Whereas recent studies have noted that even a 20-percent increase in the number of households in the United States practicing safe storage could prevent almost one-third of all annual gun deaths from suicide and unintentional shootings;

Whereas a November 2017 Government Accountability Office report, “Personal Firearms: Programs that Promote Safe Storage and Research on Their Effectiveness”, identified

16 public or nonprofit programs that promote safe gun storage;

Whereas “Firearm Suicide Prevention Day”, founded by Brady and End Family Fire, is held annually on the second Tuesday in September as an opportunity to promote awareness about growing firearm suicide crisis in the United States and the evidence-based role of safe firearm storage in preventing it; and

Whereas September 10, 2024, is the second Tuesday in September and is designated by national and local organizations as “Firearm Suicide Prevention Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National Fire-
3 arm Suicide Prevention Day” to encourage storing
4 firearms safely and securely as an essential compo-
5 nent of suicide prevention;

6 (2) encourages public health, medical, and other
7 professionals to discuss gun ownership, gun safety,
8 safe storage in the home, and suicide prevention
9 with their patients; and

10 (3) supports the goals and ideals of “National
11 Firearm Suicide Prevention Day”.