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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring the
2 National Rifle Association.

3 *Whereas, The National Rifle Association was formed in 1871*
4 *by Union veterans Col. William C. Church and Gen. George*
5 *Wingate to "promote and encourage rifle shooting on a*
6 *scientific basis", according to a magazine editorial written by*
7 *Church, because they were dismayed by the lack of*
8 *marksmanship shown by their troops;*

9 *Whereas, After being granted a charter by the state of New*
10 *York on November 17, 1871, the NRA was founded. Civil War*

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1 *Gen. Ambrose Burnside, who was also the former governor of*
2 *Rhode Island and a U.S. senator, became the fledgling NRA's*
3 *first president;*

4 *Whereas, In 1903, NRA Secretary Albert S. Jones urged*
5 *establishment of rifle clubs at all major colleges, universities,*
6 *and military academies to promote shooting sports among*
7 *America's youth, and by 1906, the NRA's youth program was in*
8 *full swing with more than 200 boys competing in matches at*
9 *Sea Girt that summer. Today, youth programs are still a*
10 *cornerstone of the NRA, with more than one million youth*
11 *participating in NRA shooting sports events and affiliated*
12 *programs with groups such as 4-H, the Boy Scouts of America,*
13 *the American Legion, Royal Rangers, National High School*
14 *Rodeo Association, and others;*

15 *Whereas, During World War II, the association offered its*
16 *ranges to the government, developed training materials,*
17 *encouraged members to serve as plant and home guard*
18 *members, developed training materials for industrial security,*
19 *and even reloaded ammunition for those guarding war plants.*
20 *Incidentally, the NRA's call to help arm Britain in 1940*
21 *resulted in the collection of more than 7,000 firearms for*
22 *Britain's defense against potential invasion by Germany;*

23 *Whereas, In 1949, the NRA, in conjunction with the state of*
24 *New York, established the first hunter education program, and*
25 *as of today, hunter education courses are taught by state fish*
26 *and game departments across the country and Canada and*
27 *have helped make hunting one of the safest sports in existence;*

28 *Whereas, Due to increasing interest in hunting, the NRA*
29 *launched a new magazine in 1973, The American Hunter,*
30 *dedicated solely to hunting issues year-round. The NRA*
31 *continues its leadership role in hunting today with the Youth*
32 *Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC), a program that allows*
33 *young hunters to build on the skills they learned in basic hunter*
34 *education courses. YHECs are now held in 43 states and three*
35 *Canadian provinces, involving an estimated 40,000 young*
36 *hunters;*

37 *Whereas, Law enforcement training was next on the priority*



1 *list for program development. Although a special police school*
2 *had been reinstated at Camp Perry in 1956, the NRA became*
3 *the only national trainer of law enforcement officers with the*
4 *introduction of its NRA Police Firearms Instructor certification*
5 *program in 1960. Today, there are more than 13,000*
6 *NRA-certified police and security firearms instructors.*
7 *Additionally, top law enforcement shooters compete each year*
8 *in eight different pistol and shotgun matches at the National*
9 *Police Shooting Championships held in Albuquerque, New*
10 *Mexico;*

11 *Whereas, Through the NRA, over 125,000 certified*
12 *instructors now train about 1,000,000 gun owners a year with*
13 *courses in basic rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading firearms,*
14 *personal protection, and even ammunition reloading.*
15 *Additionally, nearly 7,000 certified coaches are specially*
16 *trained to work with young competitive shooters;*

17 *Whereas, Since the establishment of the lifesaving "Eddie*
18 *Eagle GunSafe Program" in 1988, more than 28 million*
19 *pre-kindergarten to fourth grade children have learned that if*
20 *they see a firearm in an unsupervised situation, they should*
21 *"STOP. DON'T TOUCH. RUN AWAY. TELL A GROWNUP".*
22 *Over the past seven years, "Refuse To Be A Victim" seminars*
23 *have helped more than 100,000 men and women develop their*
24 *own personal safety plan using common sense strategies; and*

25 *Whereas, The National Rifle Association plans to host its*
26 *annual convention in Indianapolis from April 14 through April*
27 *16: Therefore,*

28 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
29 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

30 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
31 recognizes and honors the National Rifle Association on the
32 occasion of its annual convention in Indianapolis.

33 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
34 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
35 Representative Jim Lucas for distribution.

