

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the National Rifle Association on the occasion of its 152nd annual convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION recognizing the National Rifle
2 Association on the occasion of its 152nd annual convention in
3 Indianapolis, Indiana.

4 *Whereas, The National Rifle Association (NRA) was formed*
5 *by a New York charter on November 17, 1871, by Union*
6 *veterans Colonel William C. Church and General George*
7 *Wingate to promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific*
8 *basis after they were dismayed by the lack of marksmanship*
9 *shown by their troops;*

10 *Whereas, Civil War General Ambrose Burnside, the former*
11 *governor of Rhode Island and a United States senator, became*
12 *the first president of the fledgling NRA;*

13 *Whereas, In 1903, NRA Secretary Albert S. Jones urged*
14 *establishment of rifle clubs at all major colleges, universities,*
15 *and military academies to promote the shooting sports among*
16 *America's youth, and by the summer of 1906, more than 200*
17 *boys were competing in national matches at Sea Girt, New*
18 *Jersey, through the NRA youth program;*

19 *Whereas, Youth programs remain a cornerstone of the*

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1 *NRA, with more than one million youth participating in NRA*
2 *shooting sports events and affiliated programs, such as 4-H, the*
3 *Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, Royal Rangers,*
4 *National High School Rodeo Association, and others;*

5 *Whereas, During World War II, the NRA offered its ranges*
6 *to the government, developed training materials for industrial*
7 *security, encouraged members to serve as manufacturing plant*
8 *and home guard members, and even reloaded ammunition for*
9 *those guarding war plants, which resulted in the collection of*
10 *more than 7,000 firearms for Britain's defense against potential*
11 *invasion by Germany in 1940;*

12 *Whereas, In 1949, the NRA, in conjunction with the state of*
13 *New York, established the first hunter education program,*
14 *which transformed into hunter education courses being taught*
15 *by state fish and game departments across the U.S. and Canada*
16 *to help make hunting one of the safest sports in existence;*

17 *Whereas, In 1973, due to increasing interest in hunting, the*
18 *NRA launched a new magazine, The American Hunter,*
19 *dedicated solely to hunting issues year-round;*

20 *Whereas, The NRA continues its leadership role in hunting*
21 *today with the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC), a*
22 *program that allows young hunters to build on skills learned in*
23 *basic hunter education courses, with YHECs being held in 43*
24 *states and three Canadian provinces and involving an*
25 *estimated 40,000 young hunters annually;*

26 *Whereas, In 1960, the NRA became the only national*
27 *trainer of law enforcement officers with the introduction of its*
28 *NRA Police Firearms Instructor certification program and*
29 *currently boasts more than 13,000 NRA-certified police and*
30 *security firearms instructors;*

31 *Whereas, To promote a continuation of training, top law*
32 *enforcement shooters compete each year in eight different*



1 *pistol and shotgun matches at the National Police Shooting*
 2 *Championships held in Albuquerque, New Mexico;*

3 *Whereas, Through the NRA, over 125,000 certified*
 4 *instructors now train about 1,000,000 gun owners a year in*
 5 *courses for basic rifle, pistol, shotgun, and muzzle loading*
 6 *firearms, personal protection, and ammunition reloading, and*
 7 *nearly 7,000 certified coaches are specially trained to work*
 8 *with young competitive shooters;*

9 *Whereas, Since the establishment of the lifesaving "Eddie*
 10 *Eagle GunSafe Program" in 1988, more than 28 million*
 11 *pre-kindergarten to fourth grade children have learned that if*
 12 *they see a firearm in an unsupervised situation, they should*
 13 *"Stop. Don't touch. Run Away. Tell a grownup.";*

14 *Whereas, Since 2016, the NRA's "Refuse To Be A Victim"*
 15 *seminars have helped more than 100,000 men and women*
 16 *develop their own personal safety plan using common sense*
 17 *strategies;*

18 *Whereas, For more than 150 years, the NRA has assisted*
 19 *millions of individuals in the United States and abroad in*
 20 *learning firearm safety through its various programs; and*

21 *Whereas, The NRA will host its 152nd annual convention*
 22 *in Indianapolis, Indiana, from April 14-16, 2023: Therefore,*

23 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
 24 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes the
 26 National Rifle Association on the occasion of its 152nd annual
 27 convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from April 14-16, 2023.

28 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 29 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the National Rifle
 30 Association.

