

House Concurrent Resolution No. 76

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES PARKINSON (Sponsor), WELLS, NIEVES,
FUNDERBURK AND TRACY (Co-sponsors).

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1 **Whereas**, the sport of trapshooting is one of the three major forms of competitive
2 clay pigeon shooting and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Missouri;
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5 **Whereas**, the trapshooting games were originally meant for the hunters to develop
6 their skills, but these shooting games have obtained international recognition and are encouraged
7 by sports associations; and
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9 **Whereas**, trapshooting is a sport where flying clay targets are fired at with a shot
10 gun. Trapshooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport where many people,
11 young and old, compete in trapshooting events; and
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13 **Whereas**, trapshooting has been a sport since at least 1793 when it used real birds,
14 usually the Passenger Pigeon, which was extremely abundant at the time. Fake birds were
15 introduced around the time of the American Civil War as the Passenger Pigeon was nearing
16 extinction. Clay targets were introduced in the 1880's; and
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18 **Whereas**, Olympic trap is one of the International Shooting Sport Federation
19 (ISSF) shooting events, introduced to the Olympic program in 1900. The current version of the
20 sport was introduced in 1950; and
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22 **Whereas**, the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) is the primary governing
23 body of American trapshooting and has launched a major initiative to attract more youth
24 shooters; and
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26 **Whereas**, a great deal of coordination and discipline is needed for trapshooting.
27 Trapshooting sports test a player's skill in marksmanship and strategy and improve confidence
28 of youth who may not possess the physical attributes to compete in other competitive sports
29 offered at their schools; and

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31 **Whereas**, the goal of any program of youth trapshooting should be to provide
32 instruction and promote gun safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among primary
33 and secondary students; and

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35 **Whereas**, the ATA and many state organizations also award scholarships to
36 college-bound trapshooters based on citizenship, scholarship, and need. Many youth
37 trapshooters are now attending college with the help of those scholarships; and

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39 **Whereas**, our youth should have the opportunity and be encouraged to participate
40 in this extracurricular activity in the same manner as other youth extracurricular activities, such
41 as football, baseball, softball, basketball, track, scouting, or band; and

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43 **Whereas**, the boards of education of every Missouri school district is encouraged
44 to promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport:

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46 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
47 Representatives of the Ninety-fifth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
48 concurring therein, hereby encourage the school boards of every school district in the State of
49 Missouri, in conjunction with the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, to voluntarily
50 promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport for the youth of our state; and

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52 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
53 Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for
54 Commissioner of Education Chris L. Nicastro, the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, and
55 each school district in Missouri.

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