

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN.

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2 **WHEREAS**, the sport of trapshooting is one of the three major forms of competitive clay
3 pigeon shooting and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Missouri; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the trapshooting games were originally meant for the hunters to develop
5 their skills, but these shooting games have obtained international recognition and are encouraged
6 by sports associations; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, trapshooting is a sport where flying clay targets are fired at with a shot gun.
9 Trapshooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport with several million
10 participants; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, trapshooting has been a sport since at least 1793; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, Olympic trap is one of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
15 shooting events, introduced to the Olympic program in 1900; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) is the primary governing
18 body of American trapshooting and has launched a major initiative to attract more youth
19 shooters; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, a great deal of coordination and discipline is needed for trapshooting.
22 Trapshooting sports test a player's skill in marksmanship and improve confidence of youth, both
23 male and female, who may not possess the physical attributes to compete in other competitive
24 sports offered at their schools; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the goal of any program of youth trapshooting should be to provide
27 instruction and promote firearm safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among
28 primary and secondary students; and

29 **WHEREAS**, trap shooting competitions promote tourism in the State of Missouri by
30 bringing in participants and their families from around the country who stay in motels, eat in
31 restaurants, and shop in retail stores, and purchase products from vendors at events; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, the ATA, the Missouri Trapshooters Association, and other state shooting
34 organizations also award scholarships to college-bound trapshooters based on citizenship,
35 scholarship, and need. Many youth trapshooters are now attending college with the help of those
36 scholarships; and

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

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

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45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
46 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
47 concurring therein, hereby encourage the school boards of every school district and school in the
48 State of Missouri, in conjunction with the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, to
49 voluntarily promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport for the youth of our state;
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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 the
54 Missouri Commissioner of Education, the Missouri School Activities Association, the Missouri
55 Trapshooters Association, the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, and each school district
56 and school in Missouri.

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