

House Concurrent Resolution No. 32

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1 **Whereas**, the most precious and valuable asset of our state and nation is our
2 children, and we must dedicate ourselves, our energy, and our resources to the nurturing and
3 protection of these most vulnerable individuals; and
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5 **Whereas**, teaching children to act safely around firearms is a critical effort to
6 reduce the number of firearm-related accidents involving children; and
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8 **Whereas**, committed to keeping children safe from guns, the National Rifle
9 Association created the "Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program" designed to teach the fundamentals of
10 firearm safety to children in an effective and enjoyable way, communicating to them the
11 lifesaving message offered by the Program: "If you see a gun: STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the
12 Area. Tell an Adult"; and
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14 **Whereas**, the nationally-recognized Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been used
15 by more than 26,000 public and private schools, law enforcement agencies, and civic
16 organizations, and has reached 21 million children since 1988; and
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18 **Whereas**, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been endorsed or recommended
19 by numerous groups, such as the National Sheriffs' Association, the United States Department
20 of Justice, the Association of American Educators, as well as 23 State Legislatures and 26 State
21 Governors:
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23 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
24 Representatives of the Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
25 concurring therein, hereby recognize the National Rifle Association for its diligence and services
26 in developing the "Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program" and the Association's twentieth anniversary;
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28 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly encourages the civic and
29 community organizations which are concerned about the safety and well-being of the children
30 of our state to help provide funding for the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program at the local level; and
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32 **Be it further resolved** that the General Assembly encourages the
33 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to promote the use of the Eddie Eagle
34 GunSafe Program in our schools to help prevent firearm-related accidents involving children;
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37 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
38 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for D. Kent
39 King, the Commissioner of Education.

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