

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 8

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SALVA (Sponsor), MUNZLINGER, GATSCHENBERGER,  
SHIVELY, QUINN, TODD, SCAVUZZO AND MEADOWS (Co-sponsors).

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

2       **Whereas**, the sport of trap shooting is one of the three major forms of competitive  
3       clay pigeon shooting and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Missouri;  
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5       **Whereas**, the trap shooting 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**, trap shooting is a sport where flying clay targets are fired at with a shot  
10      gun. Trap shooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport where many people,  
11      young and old, compete in trap shooting events; and  
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13      **Whereas**, trap shooting 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 trap shooting 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 trap shooting.  
27   Trap shooting 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 trap shooting 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 trap shooters based on citizenship, scholarship, and need. Many youth trap  
37   shooters 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 trap shooting 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 trap shooting 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 Trap Shooters Association, the  
55   Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, and each school district in Missouri.

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