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Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the Second Amendment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2003

Mr. JOHN (for himself and Mr. STEARNS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the Second Amendment.

Whereas our forefathers developed a Bill of Rights to protect the rights of individuals;

Whereas the right to bear arms is a cornerstone of our individual freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution;

Whereas gun ownership is an integral part of our free society today; and

Whereas in the ruling of 5 December 2002, the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reaffirmed the Circuit Court's prior ruling in Hickman v. Block, 81 F. 3rd 98 (Ninth Cir. 1996) that the Second Amendment does not confer an individual right to own or possess arms: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees individuals the right to bear arms.

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