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# H. CON. RES. 251

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to the right of all Americans to keep and bear arms in defense of life or liberty and in the pursuit of all other legitimate endeavors.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the second amendment to the Constitution of the United States conveys an inalienable right to all American citizens, such right occupying the same preferred position as all other constitutional rights;

Whereas unconscionable abridgements of the second amendment have been undertaken over the years by State and local governmental bodies, and have been allowed by the courts to stand uncorrected; and

Whereas the Framers of the second amendment to the Constitution and those who ratified the second amendment

intended that the individual retain the right to keep and bear arms in order to protect life, liberty, and property and to protect our Nation from those who would attempt to destroy our freedom: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2   *concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the*  
3   *Constitution provides that all individual citizens have the*  
4   *right to keep and bear arms, which right supersedes the*  
5   *power and authority of any government.*

