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Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision in the case of District of Columbia v. Heller.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the second amendment to the Constitution of the United States states, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”;

Whereas this amendment and 9 others, known as the Bill of Rights, were ratified effective on December 15, 1791;

Whereas our Founding Fathers wrote the Bill of Rights and the Constitution to protect our fundamental freedoms as American citizens;

Whereas the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 was passed by the Council of the District of Columbia on Sep-

tember 24, 1976, banning residents from owning handguns;

Whereas the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit struck down provisions of the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 as unconstitutional;

Whereas, on June 26, 2008, the United States Supreme Court in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller* upheld the lower court's decision that the Firearms Control Regulations Act of 1975 was unconstitutional;

Whereas the decision in the *Heller* case was the first modern Supreme Court decision to find that a law violated the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms; and

Whereas the 4th anniversary of this decision is on June 26, 2012: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives, on the
2 occasion of the 4th anniversary of the United States Su-
3 preme Court decision in the case of *District of Columbia*
4 *v. Heller*—

5 (1) acknowledges the second amendment to the
6 Constitution of the United States protects the fun-
7 damental, individual right of all Americans to keep
8 and bear arms;

9 (2) reaffirms the continued importance of this
10 right to keep and bear arms;

11 (3) pays tribute to the United States Supreme
12 Court for upholding this right to keep and bear
13 arms; and

- 1 (4) calls on the United States Supreme Court
- 2 to continue to protect this right.

