

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the right to keep and bear  
3 arms is to protect oneself, one's family, and one's possessions from  
4 either the lawlessness of other persons or the tyranny of the  
5 government; and

6 WHEREAS, The right to keep and bear arms is also meant to  
7 protect the general private uses of firearms in hunting and other  
8 sporting activities; and

9 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court, in *District of*  
10 *Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S. Ct. 2783 (2008), recently struck down a  
11 firearms ban in Washington, D.C., explicitly ruling that the Second  
12 Amendment protects the right of people to possess firearms for  
13 private use; and

14 WHEREAS, Despite this ruling, legislation has been  
15 introduced in the United States House of Representatives calling  
16 for a system of mandatory federal licensing of all firearm owners;  
17 titled the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of  
18 2009, this legislation would require all firearm owners to apply  
19 for and carry a federally issued picture identification in order to  
20 keep any firearm in their homes; and

21 WHEREAS, The legislation would also make it a federal crime,  
22 under certain circumstances, to keep a loaded firearm or an  
23 unloaded firearm and ammunition within any premises, including  
24 American homes, where a child may be present; in addition, the

1 legislation specifically purports to preempt any state or local law  
2 inconsistent with it; and

3 WHEREAS, The Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of  
4 Sale Act of 2009 is a direct imposition on each American's  
5 individual right to keep and bear arms in one's home and for one's  
6 protection; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
8 hereby memorialize the United States Congress to cease and desist  
9 attempting to enact federal legislation impinging on the individual  
10 right of every American to keep and bear arms in any manner and urge  
11 that members of Congress oppose the passage of the Blair Holt's  
12 Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
14 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
15 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
16 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the  
17 Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution  
18 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to  
19 the Congress of the United States of America.