

1-1 By: Estes S.C.R. No. 54  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 6, 2009; April 8, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 May 22, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0, 1 present not voting; May 22, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1-7 WHEREAS, The primary purpose of the right to keep and bear  
1-8 arms is to protect oneself, one's family, and one's possessions from  
1-9 either the lawlessness of other persons or the tyranny of the  
1-10 government; and

1-11 WHEREAS, The right to keep and bear arms is also meant to  
1-12 protect the general private uses of firearms in hunting and other  
1-13 sporting activities; and

1-14 WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court, in *District of*  
1-15 *Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S. Ct. 2783 (2008), recently struck down a  
1-16 firearms ban in Washington, D.C., explicitly ruling that the Second  
1-17 Amendment protects the right of people to possess firearms for  
1-18 private use; and

1-19 WHEREAS, Despite this ruling, legislation has been  
1-20 introduced in the United States House of Representatives calling  
1-21 for a system of mandatory federal licensing of all firearm owners;  
1-22 titled the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of  
1-23 2009, this legislation would require all firearm owners to apply  
1-24 for and carry a federally issued picture identification in order to  
1-25 keep any firearm in their homes; and

1-26 WHEREAS, The legislation would also make it a federal crime,  
1-27 under certain circumstances, to keep a loaded firearm or an  
1-28 unloaded firearm and ammunition within any premises, including  
1-29 American homes, where a child may be present; in addition, the  
1-30 legislation specifically purports to preempt any state or local law  
1-31 inconsistent with it; and

1-32 WHEREAS, The Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of  
1-33 Sale Act of 2009 is a direct imposition on each American's  
1-34 individual right to keep and bear arms in one's home and for one's  
1-35 protection; now, therefore, be it

1-36 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
1-37 hereby memorialize the United States Congress to cease and desist  
1-38 attempting to enact federal legislation impinging on the individual  
1-39 right of every American to keep and bear arms in any manner and urge  
1-40 that members of Congress oppose the passage of the Blair Holt's  
1-41 Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009; and, be it further

1-42 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
1-43 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to  
1-44 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
1-45 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the  
1-46 Texas delegation to Congress with the request that this resolution  
1-47 be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to  
1-48 the Congress of the United States of America.

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