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H.R. No. 612

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas State Rifle Association is celebrating its  
2 100th anniversary in 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, Established in 1919, the TSRA is an independent  
4 organization affiliated with, and recognized by, the National Rifle  
5 Association; its primary goal was to promote and encourage rifle  
6 shooting through training and competitions in the state and by  
7 competition with other such groups across the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, With the growth of the TSRA membership over the  
9 years, youth shooting and safety programs have developed in such  
10 organizations as 4-H, the Boy Scouts of America, the American  
11 Legion, the National High School Rodeo Association, and ROTC; in  
12 cooperation with the NRA, the TSRA sanctions state matches each  
13 year in more than 20 different shooting disciplines, and the state  
14 winners are eligible to advance to national competitions; and

15 WHEREAS, For many years, the TSRA has carefully monitored  
16 other state legislatures and the U.S. Congress in its role as a  
17 strong supporter of the rights of law-abiding citizens to own  
18 firearms; the association had no active presence at the Texas State  
19 Capitol until 1985, when Doc Brown advocated on behalf of TSRA for  
20 the passage of a firearms preemption bill and a bill to stop hunter  
21 harassment, both of which were signed into law by Governor Mark  
22 White; and

23 WHEREAS, Today, the 35,000 members of the TSRA proudly  
24 maintain the association's original commitment to firearm skill

1 development, youth participation, and safety training, as well as  
2 its support for traditional hunting and its ongoing dedication to  
3 firearm ownership and Second Amendment rights; now, therefore, be  
4 it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Texas  
7 State Rifle Association and commend its directors, officers, and  
8 members for their contributions to the legislative process; and, be  
9 it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the Texas State Rifle Association as an expression of  
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.