



### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1041**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES** Stafford, Coleman, Daniel, Decker, Grossman, Jahn, Johnson, Mace, Miller, Sanchez, Schultheis, Swenson, Tochtrop, Veiga, and Weddig;

**also SENATORS** Dyer (Durango), Anderson, Andrews, Cairns, Dyer (Arapahoe), Entz, Evans, Hillman, Matsunaka, May, McElhany, Musgrave, and Taylor.

### **CONCERNING FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING.**

WHEREAS, The safe, lawful, and legal use of firearms is an integral part of daily life for many of Colorado's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Law-abiding citizens of this state employ firearms for self-defense and protection of their homes; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has a rich history of shooting sports such as hunting, target shooting, and competitive rifle, shotgun, black powder, pistol, air pistol, and air rifle, including international competition in Olympic shooting events; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is one of the leading hunting and outdoor recreation states, with nearly 600,000 hunters participating in hunting activities in Colorado each year; and

WHEREAS, Hunting and other outdoor recreation activities generate approximately \$1.7 billion in Colorado each year; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is the home of the headquarters of the United States Olympic shooting sports governing body, USA Shooting, and of the United States Olympic Shooting Center; and

WHEREAS, Many firearms-related accidents occur when citizens have not received training and education on firearms safety; and

WHEREAS, To insure the safe and proper handling of firearms, it is important for all citizens to educate themselves regarding the responsible handling and storage of firearms; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands of Coloradans learn firearms safety through public and private organizations that offer gun-safety courses, including hunter education, home-safety, self-defense, youth safety programs, and competition training; and

WHEREAS, Such organizations play a crucial role in our society by providing necessary firearms safety training; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

(1) That all citizens of the state of Colorado are encouraged to educate themselves on the safe and responsible handling and storage of firearms.

(2) That organizations in the state of Colorado that provide training and education on firearms safety are hereby commended for the service they provide to the people of this state.

(3) That organizations that currently provide firearms training are encouraged to continue and expand their programs.

(4) That other public and private organizations, including schools, civic groups, and law enforcement agencies, are encouraged to offer firearms safety training programs.

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