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HOUSE RESOLUTION 63

Sponsors: Representative Speciale (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 5, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND
2 DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE
3 OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides:
5 "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people
6 to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."; and

7 Whereas, Section 30 of Article I of the Constitution of the State of North Carolina
8 provides: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of
9 the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed; and, as standing armies in time of
10 peace are dangerous to liberty, they shall not be maintained, and the military shall be kept
11 under strict subordination to, and governed by, the civil power. Nothing herein shall justify the
12 practice of carrying concealed weapons, or prevent the General Assembly from enacting penal
13 statutes against that practice."; and

14 Whereas, the United States Supreme Court in recent months has twice upheld the
15 Second Amendment as applying to an individual's right to keep and bear arms in District of
16 Columbia v. Heller and McDonald v. City of Chicago; and

17 Whereas, the President and Vice-President of the United States have proposed
18 adopting laws, regulations, or actions that would have the effect of infringing on the right of
19 Americans to keep and bear arms; and

20 Whereas, in the past, reasons offered in support of these infringements such as
21 registering guns, banning certain kinds of weapons and accessories, requiring extreme
22 background checks, and restricting concealed carry permits have not been shown by the
23 substantial weight of scientific evidence to have been effective in accomplishing the stated
24 objectives of such restrictions as compelling necessities for government action to protect the
25 public safety; Now, therefore,

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

27 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives expresses support of the inalienable
28 right of the people of this State to keep and bear arms and opposes any infringement by the
29 federal government in the State's right to guarantee the protection of the right of the people of
30 this State to keep and bear arms.

31 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
32 to each member of North Carolina's congressional delegation.

33 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

