

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 63**  
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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 years 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, 128 S. Ct. 2783 (2008), and McDonald v. City of Chicago, 130 S. Ct. 3020  
17 (2010); and

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

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

27 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

28 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives expresses support of the constitutional  
29 right of the people of this State to keep and bear arms and opposes any infringement by the  
30 federal government of the right of the people of 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.

