HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEBAS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the National Rifle Association for developing the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety

Education Program in schools and to encourage civil and community service

organizations to help provide funding for the program.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the National Rifle Association for developing the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program to teach children about the importance of gun safety; and

WHEREAS, teaching children to act safely around firearms is a critical step in the effort to reduce the number of firearm-related accidents among children; and

WHEREAS, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program teaches the fundamentals of firearm safety to children in an effective and enjoyable way, communicating to them the lifesaving message offered by the program that instructs children to stay away from firearms and report them to adults; and

WHEREAS, the nationally recognized Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program has been used by more than ten thousand public and private schools and law enforcement agencies and has reached more than twenty-one million children since its founding in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program received the 1994 Golden Achievement Award from the National School Public Relations Association, the 1995 National Education Award from the American Legion, and the 1996 Award of Merit from the National Safety Council's Award and Recognition Committee of the Youth Activities Division; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association merits a special measure of commendation for its commitment to the safety of the children of the United States through the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the National Rifle Association for developing the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program in schools and does hereby encourage civil and community service organizations that are concerned about the safety and welfare of children to help provide funding for the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Education Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the National Rifle Association.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE