

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7043

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate National Shooting Sports Month in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, hunting, firearms, and the shooting sports are part of the history, tradition, and culture of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunities to safely learn to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife, but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearm safety, and responsible firearm use; and

WHEREAS, millions of Tennesseans, young and old, participate in hunting and shooting sports every year; and

WHEREAS, sportsmen and hunters teach others to understand the responsibilities of owning and using a firearm, while also working to ensure that our natural resources are safeguarded; and

WHEREAS, the firearm and ammunition industry contributed as much as \$3.27 billion to Tennessee's economy in 2022 and supported 13,231 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee received nearly \$34.2 million in funding for wildlife and conservation efforts through the Pittman-Robertson excise tax levied on firearms and ammunition in 2022; and

WHEREAS, in August 2023, organizations, businesses, and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by

millions of Americans and to continue to promote a culture of safety and responsibility; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the sportsmen and hunters of the Volunteer State as they commemorate August 2023 as National Shooting Sports Month and enjoy time at the range to experience the excitement, education, and tradition of the shooting sports and celebrate the industry's contributions to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.