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H. RES. 351

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a Federal statute requiring firearm registration would unduly burden the Second Amendment right of the people to keep and bear arms.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MINNICK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the soldiers of the Continental Army and other patriots who fought to secure the independence of the United States did not do so using registered firearms;

Whereas the right of the people to keep and bear arms, protected by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, is rooted in the principle of liberty, upon which the United States was founded;

Whereas the Supreme Court has consistently upheld the right of the people to keep and bear arms, most recently in the

case of *District of Columbia v. Heller* (128 S.Ct. 2783 (2008));

Whereas the right of the people to keep and bear arms has a history of robust legal protection, reflecting a consensus that certain bans on firearms are unconstitutional;

Whereas firearm registration should be held to be an undue burden on the right of the people to keep and bear arms, consistent with the firm convictions to that effect of many of the people and the history of robust legal protection for the right; and

Whereas H.R. 45 of the 111th Congress, if enacted, would unduly burden the right of the people to keep and bear arms by requiring firearm registration: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
 2 resentatives that a Federal statute requiring firearm reg-
 3 istration, such as is proposed by H.R. 45 of the 111th
 4 Congress, would—

5 (1) be contrary to the Constitution of the
 6 United States;

7 (2) unduly burden the right of the people to
 8 keep and bear arms; and

9 (3) stand in opposition to the founding prin-
 10 ciples of the United States.

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