

House Resolution 132

By: Representatives Forster of the 3rd, Loudermilk of the 14th, Ralston of the 7th, Mumford of the 95th, Mangham of the 94th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the congressional delegation of the State of Georgia to end the abuse of tort law
2 against the firearms industry; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, citizens have a right, protected by the Second Amendment to the United States
4 Constitution, to keep and bear arms; and

5 WHEREAS, lawsuits have been commenced against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and
6 importers of firearms that operate as designed and intended, which seek money damages and
7 other relief for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties, including
8 criminals; and

9 WHEREAS, the manufacture, importation, possession, sale, and use of firearms and
10 ammunition in the United States are heavily regulated by federal, state, and local laws,
11 including the Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act, and the Arms Export
12 Control Act; and

13 WHEREAS, businesses in the United States that are engaged in interstate and foreign
14 commerce through the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation, or
15 sale to the public of firearms or ammunition that has been shipped or transported in interstate
16 or foreign commerce are not, and should not, be liable for the harm caused by those who
17 criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as
18 designed and intended; and

19 WHEREAS, 33 states have passed legislation protecting firearms and ammunition
20 manufacturers, and legislation in Congress supporting this measure has broad bipartisan
21 support.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body urge our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States
3 Congress to end the abuse of tort law against the firearms industry.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the State of Georgia's
6 congressional delegation.