

House Resolution 1655

By: Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Lindsey of the 54th, Caldwell of the 20th, Gravley of the 67th, Quick of the 117th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting that Congress protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and
2 expressing the State of Georgia's commitment to protecting the rights of our citizens against
3 any attempt to curtail those rights; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states, "A well
5 regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to
6 keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed"; and

7 WHEREAS, the intent and purpose of the Second Amendment is to preserve and guarantee,
8 not grant, the preexisting right of individuals to keep and bear arms; and

9 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States provides very specific and limited powers
10 to the federal government then reinforces those limitations in the Tenth Amendment, stating,
11 "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to
12 the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"; and

13 WHEREAS, the Constitution clearly states that Congress has no authority to infringe on the
14 people's Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, including any attempt to ban or
15 restrict ownership of a firearm including but not limited to a semiautomatic firearm or any
16 magazine of a firearm, or to require any firearm, magazine, or other firearm accessory to be
17 registered in any manner; and

18 WHEREAS, no public servant in the State of Georgia has the authority to enforce or attempt
19 to enforce any federal act, law, statute, rule, or regulation relating to a firearm, firearm
20 accessory, or ammunition that is sold, owned, or manufactured commercially or privately in
21 Georgia and that remains exclusively within the borders of this state; and

22 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia may defend the rights of the citizens of this state in a
23 federal prosecution for a violation of federal law that is in direct conflict with the United

24 States Constitution relating to the manufacture, sale, transfer, or possession of a firearm,
25 firearm accessory, or ammunition owned or manufactured and retained exclusively within
26 the borders of this state.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body join in requesting that Congress protect and defend the Constitution
29 of the United States, and in expressing the State of Georgia's commitment to protecting the
30 rights of our citizens against any attempt to curtail those rights.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia congressional
33 delegation.