

# House Concurrent Resolution No. 41

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES PARKINSON (Sponsor),  
FRANKLIN AND KORMAN (Co-sponsors).

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2       **WHEREAS**, the sport of trapshooting is one of the three major forms of competitive clay  
3 pigeon shooting and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Missouri; and

4       **WHEREAS**, the trapshooting games were originally meant for the hunters to develop  
5 their skills, but these shooting games have obtained international recognition and are encouraged  
6 by sports associations; and

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8       **WHEREAS**, trapshooting is a sport where flying clay targets are fired at with a shot gun.  
9 Trapshooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport where many people, young  
10 and old, compete in trapshooting events; and

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12       **WHEREAS**, trapshooting has been a sport since at least 1793 when it used real birds,  
13 usually the Passenger Pigeon, which was extremely abundant at the time. Fake birds were  
14 introduced around the time of the American Civil War as the Passenger Pigeon was nearing  
15 extinction. Clay targets were introduced in the 1880's; and

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17       **WHEREAS**, Olympic trap is one of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)  
18 shooting events, introduced to the Olympic program in 1900. The current version of the sport  
19 was introduced in 1950; and

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21       **WHEREAS**, the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) is the primary governing  
22 body of American trapshooting and has launched a major initiative to attract more youth  
23 shooters; and

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25       **WHEREAS**, a great deal of coordination and discipline is needed for trapshooting.  
26 Trapshooting sports test a player's skill in marksmanship and strategy and improve confidence  
27 of youth who may not possess the physical attributes to compete in other competitive sports  
28 offered at their schools; and

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30       **WHEREAS**, the goal of any program of youth trapshooting should be to provide  
31 instruction and promote gun safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among primary  
32 and secondary students; and

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34           **WHEREAS**, the ATA and many state organizations also award scholarships to college-  
35 bound trapshooters based on citizenship, scholarship, and need. Many youth trapshooters are  
36 now attending college with the help of those scholarships; and

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38           **WHEREAS**, our youth should have the opportunity and be encouraged to participate in  
39 this extracurricular activity in the same manner as other youth extracurricular activities, such as  
40 football, baseball, softball, basketball, track, scouting, or band; and

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42           **WHEREAS**, the boards of education of every Missouri school district is encouraged to  
43 promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport:

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45           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
46 Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate  
47 concurring therein, hereby encourage the school boards of every school district in the State of  
48 Missouri, in conjunction with the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, to voluntarily  
49 promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport for the youth of our state; and

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51           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
52 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for  
53 Commissioner of Education Chris L. Nicastro, the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, and  
54 each school district in Missouri.