

**CHAPTER 143****( HCR 11 )**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION encouraging recognition of trapshooting as a high school sport.

WHEREAS, trapshooting is a sport where flying clay targets are fired at with a shot gun; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport with several million participants and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the sport of trapshooting is one of the three major forms of competitive clay pigeon shooting; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting games were originally intended as a means for hunters to develop their skills, but shooting games have obtained international recognition and are encouraged by sports associations; and

WHEREAS, Olympic trap is one of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) shooting events, introduced to the Olympic program in 1900; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting has been a sport in America since 1831; and

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

WHEREAS, the ATA awards scholarships to college-bound trap shooters based on academics, integrity, and marksmanship; and

WHEREAS, many youth trap shooters are now attending college with the help of those scholarships; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting sports test a player's skill in marksmanship and improve confidence of youth, both male and female, who may not possess the physical attributes to compete in other competitive sports offered at their schools; and

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

WHEREAS, trap shooting competitions promote tourism in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by attracting participants and their families from around the country who stay in motels, eat in restaurants, shop in retail stores, and purchase products from vendors at events; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's youth should have the opportunity and be encouraged to participate in this extracurricular activity in the same manner as other youth extracurricular activities, such as football, softball, basketball, track, or band;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein, hereby encourages the school boards of every school district and school in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in conjunction with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association and the Kentucky Trapshooters League, to voluntarily promote trapshooting as a high school sport for the youth of Kentucky.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall send a copy of this Resolution to Commissioner of Education Terry Holliday, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; the Kentucky Trapshooters League Delegate Terry Dean, 1314 Cornishville Road, Harrodsburg, Kentucky 40330; President of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bill Beasley, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40505.

**Signed by Governor April 25, 2014.**