HR 1945 2004

House Resolution

A resolution requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of Florida to support federal legislation to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, thirty-three states have passed legislation protecting firearms and ammunition manufacturers, H.R. 1036 passed the United States House of Representatives in an

HR 1945 2004 30 overwhelming bipartisan vote of 285 to 140, and S. 659 has 31 fifty-five cosponsors in the United States Senate, NOW, 32 THEREFORE, 33 34 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of 35 Florida: 36 37 That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida 38 requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United 39 States Congress to support federal legislation to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry. 40 41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be 42 transmitted to the members of the Congressional Delegation of the State of Florida. 43