



THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA

Resolution



WHEREAS, Dick Anthony Heller is commended for his courage and perseverance in successfully challenging the District of Columbia's oppressive statutes that banned handguns from law-abiding citizens and forbade the keeping of functional firearms in the home for self-defense; and

WHEREAS, The numerous amicus curiae briefs that supported the respondent, Mr. Heller, in the United States Supreme Court played a vital role in having the court agree that the Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms, including the right to self-defense, and that the U.S. Supreme Court's 1939 decision in *United States v. Miller* is consistent with this interpretation; and

WHEREAS, The landmark decision of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 128 S. Ct. 2783 (2008), is a result of the combination of excellent legal representation provided to Mr. Heller as he pursued his landmark challenge of the District of Columbia's attempt to deny its citizens the right to keep and bear arms, the able assistance of those who prepared and signed the outstanding amicus curiae briefs, and of the legal and historical research provided by others; and

WHEREAS, As a result, the Second Amendment rights of Americans have been made more secure by eliminating the ability of elected officials and regulators at the federal, state, and local levels to unreasonably restrict or even eliminate these rights through reliance on previous court decisions that seemed to question the intent of the founders; and

WHEREAS, The contributions made by **R. Ted Cruz** in support of the original intent of the Founding Fathers that the Second Amendment serve as the codification of a pre-existing individual right to keep and bear arms were significant in obtaining the ultimate result in the decision of the court; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America, assembled in Arlington, Virginia, this 13th day of September, 2008, hereby commends and expresses its profound sense of gratitude to the attorneys who prepared the amicus curiae briefs, and to the scholars whose research was used successfully by the attorneys, for courageously and ably supporting every American citizen's constitutional right to keep and bear arms; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the text of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy, suitably engrossed, be forwarded to **R. Ted Cruz**, whose efforts made this victory for the American people possible.

Attest:

Edward J. Lond, Jr.

On this 13th day of September, 2008