

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1989

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 2, by inserting after "Pennsylvania"
2 ; and designating the Pennsylvania Long Rifle as the official
3 firearm of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

4 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 4 and 5

5 (6) Pennsylvania's gunmaking tradition has played an
6 important role in the development of the United States of
7 America.

8 (7) During Pennsylvania's early history, settlers placed
9 chief reliance on their rifles for sustenance, security and
10 survival.

11 (8) The Pennsylvania Long Rifle, a unique firearm that
12 was different in principle and outline from any other weapon
13 in the world, was developed by skilled gunsmiths in the
14 Moravian communities of Christian's Spring, Northampton
15 County, as well as by artistic riflemaker Martin Meylin, in
16 Willow Street, Lancaster County.

17 (9) The Pennsylvania Long Rifle was the first truly
18 American firearm and, due to its exceptional accuracy and
19 range, was considered the greatest achievement in the
20 development of firearms during the 18th century.

21 (10) Playing an important role in the early years of the
22 Industrial Revolution in Pennsylvania and New England, the
23 Pennsylvania Long Rifle was also instrumental in the American
24 fur trade and was carried west and south by frontiersmen as
25 they set out to expand the boundaries of the nation.

26 (11) The Pennsylvania Long Rifle has been lauded for its
27 beauty and craftsmanship, as well as the ingenuity of the
28 skilled gunsmiths who crafted it.

29 (12) The color combinations, carvings, engravings and
30 graceful slenderness of the Pennsylvania Long Rifle cause it
31 to stand alone and remain unchallenged as a primary example
32 of early American art.

33 (13) Future generations deserve the right to appreciate
34 the heritage of this long-barreled rifle, born to artistic
35 gunsmiths in the communities of the Commonwealth of
36 Pennsylvania.

37 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 10 and 11

1 Section 2. Official State firearm.

2 The Pennsylvania Long Rifle is hereby designated as the
3 official firearm of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 11, by striking out "2" and
5 inserting

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