## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 625 Session of 2008

INTRODUCED BY MARSICO, ARGALL, BAKER, BARRAR, BENNINGHOFF, BEYER, BOBACK, BOYD, BUXTON, CALTAGIRONE, CAPPELLI, CAUSER, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, CUTLER, DeWEESE, FAIRCHILD, GALLOWAY, GEIST, GEORGE, GIBBONS, GODSHALL, GOODMAN, HELM, HENNESSEY, HERSHEY, HESS, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KULA, MAHONEY, MAJOR, MANTZ, McILHATTAN, METCALFE, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MOUL, MUSTIO, MYERS, PALLONE, PETRARCA, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, PYLE, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROSS, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, THOMAS, TRUE, TURZAI, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, ROHRER, NAILOR AND HORNAMAN, MARCH 10, 2008

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, MARCH 10, 2008

## A RESOLUTION

1 2 3	Recognizing the National Rifle Association of America for its diligence and services in developing the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program and celebrating the program's 20th anniversary.
4	WHEREAS, The most precious and valuable asset of the
5	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation is children, and we
6	must dedicate ourselves, our energy and our resources to nurture
7	and protect these most vulnerable individuals; and
8	WHEREAS, Teaching children to act safely around firearms is a
9	critical effort to reduce the number of firearm-related
10	accidents among children; and
11	WHEREAS, The National Rifle Association of America, committed
12	to keeping children safe from guns, created the Eddie Eagle
13	GunSafe Program, designed to teach the fundamentals of firearm

safety to children in an effective and enjoyable way,
communicating to them the lifesaving message offered by the
program: If you see a gun: STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the Area.
Tell an Adult; and

5 WHEREAS, The nationally recognized Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been used by more than 26,000 public or private 6 7 schools, law enforcement agencies and civic organizations, and it has reached 21 million children since 1988; and 8 WHEREAS, The Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program has been endorsed or 9 10 recommended by numerous groups, such as the National Sheriff's 11 Association, the United States Department of Justice and the Association of American Educators, as well as 23 state 12 13 legislatures and 26 state Governors; therefore be it 14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania recognize the National Rifle 16 Association of America for its diligence and services in 17 developing the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program and celebrate the 18 program's 20th anniversary; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the 20 civic and community organizations which are concerned about the 21 safety and well-being of the children of this Commonwealth to 22 help provide funding for the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program at the 23 local level; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the Pennsylvania Department of Education to promote the use of the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program in our schools to help prevent firearm-related accidents among children; and be it further RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the National Rifle Association of America and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

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