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5 By: Representative Parks  
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## 8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT  
10 AND TEACH THE EDDIE EAGLE ELEMENTARY GUN SAFETY  
11 EDUCATION PROGRAM.  
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### 13 **Subtitle**

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15 TO IMPLEMENT AND TEACH THE EDDIE EAGLE  
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19 WHEREAS, teaching children how to act safely around firearms is a  
20 critical step in the effort to reduce the number of accidents related to  
21 firearms that involve children; and

22 WHEREAS, most accidents involving firearms are the result of a violation  
23 of the basic safety rules of firearm use; and

24 WHEREAS, many of these tragic accidents could be prevented by providing  
25 the opportunity for broad based basic firearms safety training and education  
26 programs in our schools, communities and homes; and

27 WHEREAS, the Eddie Eagle Elementary Gun Safety Education Program teaches  
28 the fundamentals of firearm safety to children through a simple and clear  
29 lifesaving message that children are taught to remember and act upon: "If you  
30 see a gun: STOP! DON'T TOUCH. LEAVE THE AREA. TELL AN ADULT."; and

31 WHEREAS, the Eddie Eagle Elementary Gun Safety Education Program is a  
32 nationally recognized firearms safety program that has reached more than six  
33 million children since 1988; and

34 WHEREAS, participating children receive certificates of merit and  
35 stickers and posters of Eddie Eagle, the program's lovable feathered mascot,  
36 in addition to invaluable safety training that could save a life;

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2 NOW THEREFORE,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-THIRD GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

5 THAT the Arkansas General Assembly encourages civic and community  
6 service organizations which are concerned about the safety and well-being of  
7 the children of this state to help provide funding for the implementation of  
8 the Eddie Eagle Elementary Gun Safety Education Program in the public schools.

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas General Assembly encourages the  
11 Department of Education to promote the use of the Eddie Eagle Elementary Gun  
12 Safety Education Program in the public schools to help prevent accidents  
13 related to firearms that involve children.

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arkansas General Assembly commends the  
16 National Rifle Association of America for developing the Eddie Eagle  
17 Elementary Gun Safety Education Program and making it available for use in the  
18 public schools of this state.

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of  
21 Representatives prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Director  
22 of the Department of Education and the Executive Vice President of the  
23 National Rifle Association of America.