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**Cosponsor Resolution Commending Supreme Court Ruling Defending the
Second Amendment**
District of Columbia v. Heller

Deadline 5 p.m. Thursday

Dear Colleague:

Later this week, I will introduce a resolution commending the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court defending the Second Amendment to the Constitution in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*.


The Second Amendment states, "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." The Court's decision reflects the views of our Founding Fathers that individual law-abiding citizens have the right to defend their lives, families and property through the possession and use of firearms.

Thomas Jefferson stated, "Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined or determined to commit crimes. Such laws only make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assassins; they serve to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man."

The right to keep and bear arms indisputably is an individual right and one that is sacred to all law-abiding citizens. Congress must be vigilant to safeguard the Second Amendment, which is as valuable today as it was at the birth of our nation.

If you would like to be an original cosponsor, please contact Rick Podliska at 5-6611, or by email at rick.podliska@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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