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3 By Representative Morrow
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8 COMMENDING JAMES W. PORTER, II, AS NEW PRESIDENT OF
9 THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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11 WHEREAS, James W. "Jim" Porter, II, was elected to
12 the presidency of the National Rifle Association at a crucial
13 time in the organization's history, having previously served
14 with dedication in other roles of leadership; and

15 WHEREAS, a resident of Birmingham, Alabama, Jim
16 Porter received a Bachelor's Degree from The University of
17 Alabama in 1971 and a Law Degree from the Cumberland School of
18 Law; while in law school, he spent a summer working in the
19 office of legal counsel for the NRA in Washington, D.C., and
20 he went on to an exemplary career as a litigator; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2009, Jim Porter was elected First Vice
22 President of the NRA Board of Directors and had earlier served
23 as Second Vice President and President of the NRA Foundation
24 Board of Trustees; and

25 WHEREAS, he follows a distinguished family
26 tradition, as the son of Irvine C. Porter, who served as NRA
27 President, 1959-1961; and

1 WHEREAS, the NRA brings together more than five
2 million members with shared interests in conservation,
3 hunting, and how to safely handle firearms; and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Porter took the helm of the NRA in May
5 2013 during a time of vigorous debate over gun control and
6 affirmed the organization's position that the best way to deal
7 with violent crime is to enforce the laws against criminals;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Jim Porter also placed emphasis on the
10 NRA's hunting and conservation components; among his
11 contributions, he has been active in the reauthorization of
12 Alabama's Forever Wild Land Trust and has directed national
13 attention to our great state's natural beauty and variety of
14 wildlife; and

15 WHEREAS, Jim Porter has promoted responsible gun
16 ownership as a means of setting forth a number of very good
17 life lessons, chief among them individual responsibility and
18 respect for others; and

19 WHEREAS, Jim Porter is nationally esteemed for his
20 exceptional abilities and tireless dedication to the defense
21 of the Second Amendment, and he is truly deserving of special
22 recognition; now therefore,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
24 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That James W. "Jim" Porter, II, is
25 herein most highly honored and commended, and this resolution
26 is offered with heartiest congratulations to him on his

1 election as President of the National Rifle Association and
2 with best wishes for the future.