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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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
24 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, 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.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite James W.  
4 Porter, II, to visit the Alabama House of Representatives on a  
5 session day.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That on the session day that  
7 James W. Porter, II, is visiting the House of Representatives,  
8 the Speaker should recognize his presence in the balcony.