

# NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, United States Senator Richard Shelby, a resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Alabama in 1957, and his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1963; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby served as an Alabama State Senator for District 16, from 1970 to 1978; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby served as a member of the United States House of Representatives for the Seventh Congressional District of Alabama from 1979 to 1987, winning in 1978 with 93.81 percent of the vote, in 1980 with 72.57 percent of the vote, in 1982 with 96.82 percent of the vote, and in 1984 with 96.79 percent of the vote; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby has served twenty-eight years as a United States Senator from 1987 to the present, winning in 1986 with 50.28 percent of the vote, in 1992 with 64.82 percent of the vote, in 1998 with 63.24 percent of the vote, in 2004 with 67.55 percent of the vote, and in 2010 with 65.27 percent of the vote; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, as a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, and as a member of the Committee on Rules and Administration; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby has consistently earned the NRA Political Victory Fund's endorsement for his unwavering pro-gun voting record and his steadfast support for individual gun ownership throughout his career in the Alabama State Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate; and,

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure in the Alabama State Senate, the United States House of Representatives, and the United States Senate, Senator Shelby has been a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment and a dedicated advocate for the National Rifle Association of America's legislative agenda; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby successfully offered a critical amendment in the Senate Appropriations Committee to protect sensitive firearms trace data from public disclosure; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby cosponsored and voted to end reckless lawsuits against America's gun manufacturers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby voted to prohibit gun confiscation from law-abiding Americans during states of emergency or major disaster; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby voted to repeal the D.C. gun ban and registration statute and restore the right of self-defense to law-abiding residents of our nation's capital; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby voted for the National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity amendment, which would extend federal protection of state right-to-carry licenses and permits across the country; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby voted to allow concealed-carry permit holders to carry and transport firearms for self-defense in national parks and wildlife refuges; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby signed the pro-gun Congressional amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of our individual right to keep and bear arms in the historic Heller case; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby signed the Congressional amicus brief stating that the Second Amendment guarantees a fundamental right that applies to all Americans, no matter where they live, in the all-important McDonald case; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby has voted against confirmation of anti-gun Supreme Court Justice nominees; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby has fought to secure critical funding for law enforcement to help protect Alabama's communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, Senator Shelby has had a lifetime interest in and affinity for the outdoors and, for the past thirty years, has been an avid pursuer of waterfowl primarily here in Alabama and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America, during its Meeting on January 10, 2015, in Birmingham, Alabama, in recognition of Senator Shelby's years-long demonstrated advocacy and staunch support for individual gun ownership rights, the Second Amendment, and the NRA's legislative agenda in the State of Alabama and in the United States Congress, hereby expresses its sincere admiration and great appreciation; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the text of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, and that a copy, suitably engrossed, be presented to the Honorable Senator Richard Shelby.