WHEREAS, The firearms and ammunition industry has experienced phenomenal growth in recent years, and expansion of this manufacturing sector in Texas could bring significant benefits to the Lone Star State; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, the firearms and ammunition industry was responsible for more than $30 billion in total economic activity; and

WHEREAS, Companies that manufacture, distribute, and sell firearms, ammunition, and hunting equipment employ nearly 100,000 Americans; moreover, it is estimated that they generate an additional 110,000 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries; jobs in the industry pay over $46,000 in wages and benefits on average, and despite a challenging economy, the industry created more than 26,000 jobs over the past two years; and

WHEREAS, A diverse and vibrant economy benefits all Texans, and the firearms and ammunition industry has great potential to contribute to the future prosperity of our state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas hereby request the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives to create a joint interim committee to study recruiting firearms and ammunition manufacturers to Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee's proceedings and operations be
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1 governed by such general rules and policies for joint interim
2 committees as the 83rd Legislature may adopt.

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President of the Senate

I certify that H.C.R. No. 89 was adopted by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 89 was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

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