

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Marc J. Gergely

DATE: October 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the National Shooting Sports Foundation

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution recognizing the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) on its 50th anniversary.

NSSF was founded in 1961 to promote, protect, and preserve the heritage of hunting and sport shooting in the United States. NSSF is recognized for encouraging early hunter safety education efforts, such as the initiative to encourage hunters to wear orange clothing while engaging in hunting activities. NSSF has continued to develop new and innovative programs to not only encourage hunting and sport shooting, but to ensure that these activities are done in a safe manner.

In addition, NSSF has focused on firearm safety in our communities through leadership in programs such as ChildSafe, which has distributed more than 35 million firearm safety kits since 2003. NSSF has also partnered with the federal government in the “Don’t Lie for the Other Guy” program, which is a national campaign to prevent and discourage illegal "straw man" purchases of firearms. This campaign is intended to drive home the message that anyone attempting an illegal firearm purchase faces a stiff federal penalty.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Anne-Marie at 783-1018.