

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20**

Introduced by Dubas, 34.

WHEREAS, trap shooting is one of the three major forms of competitive clay pigeon shooting and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trap shooting games were originally meant for hunters to develop their skills, but have obtained international recognition and are encouraged by sports associations; and

WHEREAS, trap shooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport where many people, young and old, male and female, of all abilities, compete in trap shooting events; and

WHEREAS, trap shooting has been a sport since at least 1793, when real birds were used. Clay targets were introduced in the 1880s; and

WHEREAS, Olympic trap is one of the International Shooting Sport Federation shooting events, introduced to the Olympic program in 1900. The current version of the sport was introduced in 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission sponsors the annual Cornhusker Trapshoot, which is the largest youth trap shoot in the United States; and

WHEREAS, trap shooting competitions promote tourism in Nebraska by bringing in participants and their families from around the country to stay in motels, eat in restaurants, shop in retail stores, and purchase products from vendors at events; and

WHEREAS, a great deal of coordination and discipline is needed for trap shooting. Trap shooting tests a player's skills in marksmanship and strategy and improves confidence of youth who may not possess the physical attributes to compete in other competitive sports offered at their schools; and

WHEREAS, the goal of any program of youth trap shooting should be to provide instruction and promote gun safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among primary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, many state organizations award scholarships to college-bound trap shooters based on citizenship, scholarship, and need. Many youth trap shooters are now attending college with the help of those scholarships; and

WHEREAS, our youth should have the opportunity and be encouraged to participate in trap shooting in the same manner as other youth extracurricular activities, including football, baseball, softball, basketball, track, scouting, or band; and

WHEREAS, the school boards of every Nebraska school district are encouraged to promote and include trap shooting as a high school sport.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature hereby encourages the school boards of every school district in the State of Nebraska, in conjunction with the Game and Parks Commission, to voluntarily promote and include trap shooting as a high school sport for the youth of our state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of Education, the Game and Parks Commission, the Nebraska School Activities Association, and the Cornhusker Trapshoot.