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by deleting all language after the caption and substituting the following:

WHEREAS, governments killed two hundred sixty-two million (262,000,000) of their own citizens during the twentieth century according to R.J. Rummel's book *Statistics of Democide*; and

WHEREAS, the defense of our God-given liberties rests on the ability of law-abiding citizens to stand against a tyrannical government; and

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution makes all states sanctuaries from federal infringement on citizens' right to keep and bear arms; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we reaffirm Tennessee is a sanctuary for the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend a safe harbor to Virginians and other U.S. citizens whose constitutional rights are being violated by their elected officials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we avow Tennessee will not comply with extraconstitutional actions from any government or body that infringes on our citizens' right to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize Tennessee citizens, militia, military, and law enforcement have the responsibility to defend their liberties against enemies, both foreign and domestic.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize that the primary purpose of the Second Amendment is to protect our freedoms. To do so, citizens must at least be able to keep and bear semiautomatic firearms that are equal to those of their government's basic infantry unit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we recognize members of our armed forces are people of honor who take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States, including our right to keep and bear arms, and we appreciate their service and sacrifice.