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STATEMENT

By Sen. Loudon on U.S. Supreme Court's Decision Upholding Americans' Gun Ownership Rights

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. John Loudon, R-Chesterfield, today praised the U.S. Supreme Court's first pronouncement on gun control in U.S. history, which protects the constitutional rights of Americans to keep guns in their homes for self-defense.

"Today's ruling was a perfect example of how the Bill of Rights within the U.S. Constitution still works to limit federal power and protect individual rights. The right to bear arms is a right men and women have fought to defend for over 200 years, and I'm very gratified to see this and other individual rights continue to hold up to threats and scrutiny.

"Our Bill of Rights is something I have always ardently supported — personally, and on behalf of every Missourian. In 2002, the General Assembly supported a bill I sponsored that established Dec. 15 as Bill of Rights Day in Missouri. I have also sponsored Bill of Rights essay contests for high school juniors and seniors in the 7th District on a number of occasions. I created the special state recognition and essay contest because I think it's very important for Missourians to know, understand and celebrate our Bill of Rights. These rights are very sacred and we all have a stake in protecting them."

- Sen. John Loudon

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