

1 **HJM 4020 - H AMD 198 FAILED 3/9/95**

2 By Representatives Costa and others

3 On page 1, after line 18, strike all material down to and
4 including "State." on page 2, line 25 and insert the following:

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6 "WHEREAS, Fortunately, education professionals, firearms
7 safety experts, and others have developed gun safety programs
8 designed for children in the early grades; and

9 WHEREAS, The Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program developed by the
10 National Rifle Association and the STAR program (Straight Talk
11 about Risks) developed by the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence
12 are two such programs that teach the fundamentals of firearms
13 safety to children in an effective and enjoyable way, emphasizing
14 the need to stay away from guns and to report guns to a responsible
15 adult; and

16 WHEREAS, These worthwhile programs are available at nominal
17 costs; and

18 WHEREAS, Teaching children to act safely around firearms is a
19 critical step in the effort to reduce the number of firearms
20 accidents among children;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
22 school districts of the State of Washington promote the use of gun
23 safety programs in our schools to help prevent firearms accidents
24 among children.

25 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
26 transmitted to the Honorable Judith Billings, Superintendent of
27 Public Instruction, and to the Superintendent of each public school
28 district in Washington State."