

1 **SJM 8009 - H AMD 494 FAILED 4-9-97**

2 By Representative Costa

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, These worthwhile programs are available at nominal
15 costs; and

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

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

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
24 transmitted to the Honorable Terry Bergeson, Superintendent of Public
25 Instruction, and to the Superintendent of each public school district
26 in Washington State.-