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NY State Rifle & Pistol Association Earns Volunteer Organization of the Year Award

Fairfax, VA – The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) has awarded the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA) its 2005 Volunteer Organization of the Year Award.

Chris W. Cox, NRA chief lobbyist, stated, “Under the leadership of President Tom King, NYSRPA has distinguished itself as a leading Second Amendment group in the state of New York. The Association’s tireless work persuaded the New York State Legislature from enacting countless anti-gun and anti-hunting bills.”

NYSRPA was instrumental in helping pass legislation to expand rifle hunting in the southern and western areas of New York State. In 2005, the Association helped elect 14 locally endorsed pro-gun candidates to office in the general elections and two additional candidates in special elections.

NYSRPA’s Legislative Director, Jacob Rieper, expanded the Association’s Legislative Alert System by successfully notifying New York State members to take actions against 190 proposed state and local anti-gun bills and seven resolutions in the state. In addition, the 1st Annual New York State NYSRPA-PAC Rally and Dinner brought together an impressive 300 Second Amendment advocates and politicians.

Cox concluded, “NRA is proud to call the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association our partner in New York’s fight to preserve the Second Amendment, and we thank them for their dedication.”

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Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America’s oldest civil rights and sportsmen’s group. Four million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and to advocate enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders to reduce crime. The Association remains the nation’s leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the armed services.