WHEREAS, Hunter education certification is required in Missouri to purchase a firearms hunting permit; and,

WHEREAS, Anyone born after 1966 must complete an approved hunter education class; and,

WHEREAS, The Missouri Department of Conservation has certified volunteers authorized to teach these classes; and,

WHEREAS, The average age of the present volunteer instructors is 49 years of age and getting older; and,

WHEREAS, The Missouri Department of Conservation requires volunteers to be over the age of 18 to be certified to teach Hunter Education; and,

WHEREAS, There is no provision in the Missouri Department of Conservation’s program for junior instructors under the age of 18 who may be interested in assisting with a hunter education class; and,

WHEREAS, The Missouri Hunter Education Instructors Association, upon request, has established a junior instructor membership category for volunteers under the age of 18 who are interested in assisting certified instructors with their classroom setup, material handout and other approved activities: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO, this 24th day of February, 2013, urges the Missouri Department of Conservation to consider developing a junior instructor program.