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2D SESSION

S. RES. 431

Designating May 11, 2006, as “Endangered Species Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 5, 2006

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REED, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DODD, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 11, 2006, as “Endangered Species Day”, and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

Whereas in the United States and around the world, more than 1,000 species are officially designated as at risk of extinction and thousands more also face a heightened risk of extinction;

Whereas the actual and potential benefits derived from many species have not yet been fully discovered and would be permanently lost if not for conservation efforts;

Whereas recovery efforts for species such as the whooping crane, Kirtland's warbler, the peregrine falcon, the gray wolf, the gray whale, the grizzly bear, and others have resulted in great improvements in the viability of such species;

Whereas saving a species requires a combination of sound research, careful coordination, and intensive management of conservation efforts, along with increased public awareness and education;

Whereas two-thirds of endangered or threatened species reside on private lands;

Whereas voluntary cooperative conservation programs have proven to be critical for habitat restoration and species recovery; and

Whereas education and increasing public awareness are the first steps in effectively informing the public about endangered species and species restoration efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 11, 2006, as “Endangered
3 Species Day”; and

4 (2) encourages—

5 (A) educational entities to spend at least
6 30 minutes on Endangered Species Day teach-
7 ing and informing students about threats to,
8 and the restoration of, endangered species
9 around the world, including the essential role of

1 private landowners and private stewardship to
2 the protection and recovery of species;

3 (B) organizations, businesses, private land-
4 owners, and agencies with a shared interest in
5 conserving endangered species to collaborate on
6 educational information for use in schools; and

7 (C) the people of the United States to ob-
8 serve the day with appropriate ceremonies and
9 activities.

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