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Expressing support for the designation of the week of May 8 through May 17, 2026, as “National American Birding Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2026

Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. WIED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of May 8 through May 17, 2026, as “National American Birding Week”.

Whereas approximately 3,500,000,000 songbirds, raptors, shore birds, and waterfowl representing over 350 species migrate north through the United States to breeding grounds every spring from wintering grounds in the southern United States, Mexico, and the tropics;

Whereas populations of many migratory bird species are in decline due to habitat loss, predation, and collisions with buildings, utility infrastructure, and vehicles;

Whereas an estimated 96,000,000 American birders spend almost \$107,000,000,000 annually on birdwatching activi-

ties, creating 1,400,000 jobs and billions in employment income and Federal and State tax revenue; and

Whereas annual birding events, such as the “Biggest Week in American Birding”, sponsored by the Black Swamp Bird Observatory in Oak Harbor, Ohio, in collaboration with the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, the Magee Marsh State Wildlife Area, and a coalition of public, non-profit, and private partners, leverage government, non-profit, and private resources to promote conservation of migratory bird populations and economic development through a multifaceted approach that combines research, education, and outreach: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National
3 American Birding Week”;

4 (2) recognizes that birding is a pastime that
5 generates billions in economic benefits annually;

6 (3) understands that migratory bird populations
7 face an array of natural and human-caused threats
8 to their survival;

9 (4) applauds coordinated efforts by Federal,
10 State, and local governments, conservation organiza-
11 tions, and businesses to promote conservation of mi-
12 gratory birds and economic development through
13 birding; and

14 (5) encourages birders and the public at large
15 to attend events such as the “Biggest Week in
16 American Birding” to learn about bird migration

- 1 and to support efforts by governments, conservation
- 2 organizations, and businesses to preserve migratory
- 3 bird populations.

