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S. RES. 273

Recognizing the centennial of the establishment of Crater Lake National Park.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Oregon (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Crater Lake, at 1,943 feet deep, is the deepest lake in the United States;

Whereas Crater Lake is a significant natural feature, the creation of which, through the eruption of Mount Mazama 7,700 years ago, dramatically affected the landscape of an area that extends from southern Oregon into Canada;

Whereas legends of the formation of Crater Lake have been passed down through generations of the Klamath Tribe, Umpqua Tribe, and other Indian tribes;

Whereas on June 12, 1853, while in search of the legendary Lost Cabin gold mine, John Wesley Hillman, Henry Klippel, and Isaac Skeeters discovered Crater Lake;

Whereas William Gladstone Steele dedicated 17 years to developing strong local support for the conservation of Crater Lake, of which Steele said, “All ingenuity of nature seems to have been exerted to the fullest capacity to build a grand awe-inspiring temple the likes of which the world has never seen before”;

Whereas on May 22, 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt signed into law a bill establishing Crater Lake as the Nation’s sixth national park, mandating that Crater Lake National Park be “dedicated and set apart forever as a public park or pleasure ground for the benefit of the people of the United States” (32 Stat. 202);

Whereas Crater Lake National Park is a monument to the beauty of nature and the importance of providing public access to the natural treasures of the United States; and

Whereas May 22, 2002, marks the 100th anniversary of the designation of Crater Lake as a national park: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes May 22, 2002,
- 2 as the centennial of the establishment of Crater Lake Na-
- 3 tional Park.

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