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S. RES. 181

Recognizing July 1, 2005, as the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 23, 2005

Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Congress established the Forest Service in 1905 to provide quality water and timber for the benefit of the United States;

Whereas the mission of the Forest Service has expanded to include management of national forests for multiple uses and benefits, including the sustained yield of renewable resources such as water, forage, wildlife, wood, and recreation;

Whereas the National Forest System encompasses 192,000,000 acres in 44 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, including 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands;

Whereas the Forest Service significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources on all land in the United States;

Whereas the Forest Service cooperates with State, Tribal, and local governments, forest industries, other private landowners, and forest users in the management, protection, and development of forest land the Federal Government does not own;

Whereas the Forest Service participates in work, training, and education programs such as AmeriCorps, Job Corps, and the Senior Community Service Employment Program;

Whereas the Forest Service plays a key role internationally in developing sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation for the protection and sound management of the forest resources of the world;

Whereas, from rangers to researchers and from foresters to fire crews, the Forest Service has maintained a dedicated professional workforce that began in 1905 with 500 employees and in 2005 includes more than 30,000; and

Whereas Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service, fostered the idea of managing for the greatest good of the greatest number: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes July 1, 2005, as the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Service;

3 (2) commends the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture for 100 years of dedicated service managing the forests of the United States;

1 (3) acknowledges the promise of the Forest
2 Service to continue to preserve the natural legacy of
3 the United States for an additional 100 years and
4 beyond; and

5 (4) encourages the people of the United States
6 to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and
7 activities.

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