

H. Res. 634

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 24, 2007.

Whereas, since the beginning of the 20th century, hunters and fishermen of the United States have been among the most vocal supporters of the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment;

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt, who was himself a hunter, fisherman, and conservationist, called throughout his Presidency for laws to promote wildlife conservation and to provide lands for recreation;

Whereas, in June 1971, Senator Thomas McIntyre of New Hampshire and Representative Robert Sikes of Florida sponsored a joint resolution calling for the celebration of “National Hunting and Fishing Day” on the fourth Saturday of every September;

Whereas, in 2006, an estimated 42,500,000 individuals in the United States participated in hunting or fishing activities;

Whereas, in 2006, hunters and fishermen made a significant contribution to the economy of the United States by spending nearly \$75,000,000,000 on hunting and fishing activities;

Whereas hunters and fishermen recognize the importance of natural resources to the character, heritage, and future

of the United States, and work to protect and conserve those resources; and

Whereas the fourth Saturday of September would be an appropriate day to as celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(A) there should be established a day known as National Hunting and Fishing Day; and

(B) the President should issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate programs and activities; and

(2) the House of Representatives—

(A) encourages participation in hunting and fishing; and

(B) commends the contributions of hunters and fishermen toward the scientific management of wildlife and conservation of the natural environment.

Attest:

Clerk.