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Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the founding of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated, the achievements of the organization in habitat conservation, and the support of the organization for the waterfowling heritage of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 19, 2012

Mr. Wicker (for himself, Mr. Pryor, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Inhofe, and Mr. Tester) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the founding of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated, the achievements of the organization in habitat conservation, and the support of the organization for the waterfowling heritage of the United States.

Whereas Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated (referred to in this preamble as "Ducks Unlimited") was founded in 1937, when the drought-plagued waterfowl populations of North America plunged to unprecedented lows;

Whereas, after decades of commitment to conserving waterfowl habitats, Ducks Unlimited has become the largest private organization for waterfowl and wetlands conserva-

- tion worldwide and one of the most effective private organizations dedicated to that cause;
- Whereas, since the founding of Ducks Unlimited, the organization has conserved and protected more than 4,500,000 acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States and more than 12,600,000 acres of waterfowl habitat in North America;
- Whereas Ducks Unlimited has nearly 750,000 members internationally, including 550,000 members in the United States;
- Whereas, since the founding of Ducks Unlimited, the organization has raised more than \$3,400,000,000 for waterfowl conservation and education, leveraging public support to obtain more than half of its contributions from private sources;
- Whereas Ducks Unlimited provides support to local projects that are important to waterfowlers in each State of the United States; and
- Whereas Ducks Unlimited maintains the vital mission of conserving, restoring, and managing wetlands and associated habitats for the waterfowl of North America, a mission that also benefits other wildlife and people: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the important
 - 2 contributions of Ducks Unlimited, Incorporated and its
 - 3 members across the United States to the conservation of
 - 4 habitats and the preservation of the waterfowl of North
 - 5 America during the past 75 years.