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Designating May 18, 2012, as “Endangered Species Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating May 18, 2012, as “Endangered Species Day”.

Whereas nearly 2,000 species worldwide are listed as threatened or endangered, and many more face a heightened risk of extinction;

Whereas the actual and potential benefits that may be derived from many species have not yet been fully discovered and would be permanently lost if not for conservation efforts;

Whereas recovery efforts for species such as the bald eagle, the whooping crane, the gray whale, the American alligator, the peregrine falcon, the Louisiana black bear, and others have resulted in great improvements in the viability of those species;

Whereas saving a species requires a combination of sound research, careful coordination, and intensive management of conservation efforts, along with increased public awareness and education;

Whereas voluntary cooperative conservation programs have proven to be critical to habitat restoration and species recovery; and

Whereas education and increasing public awareness are the first steps in effectively informing the public about endangered species and species restoration efforts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 18, 2012, as “Endangered
3 Species Day”;

4 (2) encourages schools to spend at least 30
5 minutes on Endangered Species Day teaching and
6 informing students about—

7 (A) threats to endangered species around
8 the world; and

9 (B) efforts to restore endangered species,
10 including the essential role of private land-
11 owners and private stewardship in the protec-
12 tion and recovery of species;

13 (3) encourages organizations, businesses, pri-
14 vate landowners, and agencies with a shared interest
15 in conserving endangered species to collaborate in

1 developing educational information for use in
2 schools; and

3 (4) encourages the people of the United
4 States—

5 (A) to become educated about, and aware
6 of, threats to species, success stories in species
7 recovery, and opportunities to promote species
8 conservation worldwide; and

9 (B) to observe Endangered Species Day
10 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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