

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 723

Expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the designation of a National Day of Recognition for the centennial of the Convention Between the United States and Great Britain (for Canada) for the Protection of Migratory Birds, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2016

Mr. GRIFFITH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States and Great Britain (on behalf of Canada), recognizing the need to adopt an international agreement to protect and conserve birds that migrate internationally, signed the Convention Between the United States and Great Britain (for Canada) for the Protection of Migratory Birds, also known as the Migratory Bird Treaty, on August 16, 1916;

Whereas this agreement served as the foundation for the passage of domestic legislation to implement the commit-

ment to protect migratory birds, such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), as well as subsequent treaties with Mexico, Japan, and Russia;

Whereas many migratory bird species travel long distances and cross international borders;

Whereas international cooperation provides countries—as well as Federal, State, nongovernmental, and tribal partners—with the opportunity to unite in protecting valuable wildlife species and to share knowledge regarding migratory bird resources; and

Whereas migratory bird species have a significant impact on the United States economy, as evidenced by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that \$107,000,000,000 is spent on birdwatching equipment and travel in the United States, and \$1,800,000,000 is spent on migratory bird hunting equipment and trips in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of a National Day
3 of Recognition for the centennial of the Convention
4 Between the United States and Great Britain (for
5 Canada) for the Protection of Migratory Birds, also
6 known as the Migratory Bird Treaty;

7 (2) recognizes the significance of 100 years of
8 migratory bird protection efforts; and

- 1 (3) encourages efforts to engage and educate
- 2 the public regarding migratory birdwatching and
- 3 hunting.

