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H. RES. 1491

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of Everglades National Park.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of Everglades National Park.

Whereas the 75th anniversary of the dedication of Everglades National Park will be celebrated on December 6, 2022;

Whereas the Everglades is comprised of diverse habitats and a sweeping watershed that includes over 2,500,000 acres of federally protected lands and waters at Everglades National Park, Biscayne National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, 14 national wildlife refuges, the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and culturally significant Tribal lands for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida;

Whereas the River of Grass is essential for the environment, providing freshwater to nearly 10,000,000 Floridians and protection against hurricanes and floods;

Whereas Everglades National Park, the third-largest national park in the lower 48 States, attracts more than 1,000,000 annual visitors who enjoy kayaking hundreds of miles of water trails, biking through pine rocklands, and world-class fishing;

Whereas a healthy ecosystem is dependent upon reversing the unintended consequences of past changes to the waters and habitats of the Everglades;

Whereas a unique Federal and State intergovernmental partnership is working to restore the Everglades ecosystem along with an army of dedicated people in nonprofits and environmental advocacy groups who care about this vibrant national treasure and are seeing through that it will be passed along to future generations;

Whereas recent years of historic Federal investment in Everglades restoration has led to unprecedented momentum in advancing vital projects, including the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir; and

Whereas poet Campbell McGrath said, “It is not ours though it is ours to destroy or preserve, this the kingdom of otter, kingfisher, alligator, heron”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 75th anniversary of Ever-
3 glades National Park; and

4 (2) commits to continuing Everglades restora-
5 tion funding so that the Comprehensive Everglades

- 1 Restoration Plan can be implemented in a timely
- 2 manner.

