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H. RES. 1387

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of National Hunting and Fishing Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. DUNN, Mr. LATTA, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. BUDD, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. CLINE, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PANETTA, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. STEWART, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, and Mr. STAUBER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of National Hunting and Fishing Day.

Whereas, according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation's most recent data, 103,700,000 Americans participated in wildlife-related recreational activities;

Whereas, according to the most recent data, there are 35,800,000 anglers, 11,500,000 hunters, and 86,000,000 wildlife watchers;

Whereas, according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation's most recent data, recreationists contributed \$156,900,000,000 to the United States economy;

Whereas the 2016 U.S. Census Bureau National Population Estimates' most recent data reported 27 percent of the total United States population participates in sportfishing, hunting, or target shooting;

Whereas the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reported anglers supported 802,000 jobs and contributed \$63,500,000,000 to the Nation's gross domestic product;

Whereas the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reported hunters and target shooters supported 854,000 jobs and contributed \$55,400,000,000 to the Nation's gross domestic product;

Whereas all Americans can participate in outdoor recreation and ensure the proper management of our natural resources for the benefit of future generations;

Whereas recreational and sporting activities both provide substantial economic benefits to rural America;

Whereas Congress resolved to recognize the "esthetic, health and recreational virtues of hunting and fishing" in 1972;

Whereas President Richard Nixon declared in 1972 the fourth Saturday of September as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" to recognize the contributions of the American hunter and angler; and

Whereas to honor the 50th anniversary of this day, the United States must continue to raise greater public awareness of the connection between hunting, angling, and conservation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National
3 Hunting and Fishing Day”;

4 (2) supports the responsible management of
5 wildlife and natural resources entrusted to the pub-
6 lic; and

7 (3) encourages State-driven hunting and fishing
8 education and safety programs around the country.

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