LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-third Legislature Second Regular Session - 2016

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, URGING IDAHOANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE 2016 U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE, URGING COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF IDAHO TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE, INCLUDING INVOLVING ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN IN MAKING ORNAMENTS FOR THE TREE AND URGING IDAHOANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR IN THEIR COMMUNITY AS THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE TRAVELS ITS ROUTE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF IDAHO PRIOR TO ITS TRIP ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the custom of placing the "People's Christmas Tree" on the West Front Lawn of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., dates back to 1964, and since 1970, the "People's Christmas Tree" has come from a national forest; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has been given the unique honor to provide the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree in 2016 and a 60 to 85 foot tall tree will be harvested from the Payette National Forest in November 2016 pending selection from the nation's Architect of the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 tree will be from Idaho and this project provides an excellent opportunity to highlight Idaho and the national forests located here; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, 70 smaller companion trees will be provided for federal government offices; and

WHEREAS, Idahoans can become directly involved in helping make approximately 8,000 handcrafted ornaments to decorate the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree; and

WHEREAS, community celebrations will occur in Idaho as the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree travels a route throughout the state prior to its cross-country trip to our nation's capitol.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we urge Idahoans to participate in the activities surrounding the 2016 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge communities, businesses and schools throughout the State of Idaho to contribute toward the effort to provide the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, including involving organizations and schoolchildren in making ornaments for the tree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge Idahoans to participate in any community celebrations that may occur in their communities as the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree travels its route throughout the State of Idaho prior to its trip across the United States to Washington, D.C.