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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of conservation and protection of the
2 milkweed plant to aid in the repopulation of the monarch
3 butterfly and other pollinator species.

4 WHEREAS, The monarch butterfly, which relies solely on the
5 milkweed plant, is an important pollinator; and

6 WHEREAS, The monarch butterfly population has decreased by
7 more than 80% since the 1990s, most prominently due to habitat
8 loss; and

9 WHEREAS, As of 2023, the monarch butterfly is an endangered
10 species but there is nothing protecting the milkweed plant, the
11 only host plant of the monarch butterfly; and

12 WHEREAS, The breeding habitat for the monarch butterfly has
13 declined due to the loss of the milkweed plant caused by
14 herbicide spraying, mowing and land development; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2023, the monarch butterfly has reached a new
16 low, falling below the predicted extinction threshold with a
17 population of approximately 335,000; and

18 WHEREAS, Conservation of the milkweed plant will not only aid

1 in the repopulation of the monarch butterfly but in the
2 restoration of other pollinator species whose numbers are
3 rapidly decreasing; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the importance of
5 conservation and protection of the milkweed plant to aid in the
6 repopulation of the monarch butterfly and other pollinator
7 species.