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# H. RES. 1234

Celebrating the East Bay Regional Park District's 90th anniversary.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 16, 2024

Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. LEE of California, and Mr. SWALWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## RESOLUTION

Celebrating the East Bay Regional Park District's 90th anniversary.

Whereas the East Bay Regional Park District has reached a significant milestone, marking 90 years of public service as the largest regional park district in the Nation;

Whereas the Park District has grown to encompass 73 regional parks, spanning 126,000 acres of parklands, 55 miles of shoreline, and over 1,300 miles of trails in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, offering diverse recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking, swimming, horseback riding, boating, fishing, picnicking, camping, and discovering nature;

Whereas the Park District’s commitment to environmental conservation and the provision of positive experiences in nature has been a cornerstone of its history and mission;

Whereas the visionary efforts of civic leaders in the late 1920s, who, faced with the sudden availability of watershed land in the East Bay hills, came together to preserve the land forever, balancing environmental conservation with public benefit;

Whereas the collaboration with renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., and National Park Service’s Chief Naturalist Ansel Hall, resulting in the 1930 Olmsted-Hall report, laid the foundation for the East Bay Regional Park District, bringing national credibility to the cause;

Whereas, during the challenging times of the Depression, civic leaders demonstrated unwavering dedication by placing a measure on the ballot in 1934 to establish the Park District and tax themselves for land preservation, with a resounding 71 percent approval on November 6, 1934;

Whereas, on June 4, 1936, the District made its first land acquisitions from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, establishing the inaugural parks—Upper Wildcat Canyon (Tilden), Temescal, and Round Top (Sibley); and

Whereas, for 9 decades, the East Bay Regional Park District has remained steadfast in its commitment to preserving and protecting open space, providing safe and welcoming parks for recreation, and enhancing the quality of life for the community: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That—

2                (1) the House of Representatives—

1           (A) celebrates and commends the East Bay  
2           Regional Park District on its 90th anniversary,  
3           recognizing its significant contributions to envi-  
4           ronmental conservation, recreation, and commu-  
5           nity well-being;

6           (B) extends sincere gratitude to the Park  
7           District for its dedication to preserving natural  
8           beauty, fostering outdoor enjoyment, and cre-  
9           ating a lasting legacy for generations to come;  
10          and

11          (C) encourages all East Bay communities  
12          to join in the celebration of the Park District's  
13          90 years of milestones and history, partici-  
14          pating in the various events and programs; and

15          (2) this resolution be presented to the East Bay  
16          Regional Park District as a gesture of appreciation  
17          for its enduring commitment to public service and  
18          environmental stewardship.

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