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Supporting the designation of May 19, 2023, as “Endangered Species Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2023

Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. BEYER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of May 19, 2023, as
“Endangered Species Day”.

Whereas plants and wildlife provide incalculable services for humankind, including health, cultural, economic, recreational, and spiritual benefits, among others;

Whereas, in the United States and around the world, more than 2,300 species are recognized as at risk of extinction now or in the foreseeable future, and many more are experiencing declines in populations and future viability;

Whereas the planet is experiencing a biodiversity crisis, which many scientists conclude is the sixth mass extinction event, with plant and wildlife species across the globe facing heightened risk of extinction that is largely driven by human activity;

Whereas climate change, large-scale changes in land use, and habitat destruction pose existential threats to species;

Whereas the United States has prioritized the conservation and recovery of imperiled species by enacting the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other landmark conservation statutes;

Whereas conservation and protection efforts implemented under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 have successfully prevented the extinction of more than 99 percent of species designated as threatened or endangered, including the critically imperiled California condor, whooping crane, and black-footed ferret;

Whereas many at-risk species have significant cultural and subsistence values to Tribal, indigenous, and Native Alaskan communities, whose Tribal leadership, ancestral lands, and traditional ecological knowledge play an invaluable role in species conservation and recovery;

Whereas the United States has the opportunity to stem threats to endangered and threatened species by enacting and implementing bold policies and conservation initiatives, including conserving at least 30 percent each of the Nation's lands and waters by the year 2030;

Whereas the recovery of species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 is a remarkable success that should be celebrated; and

Whereas 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Endangered Species Act of 1973: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) supports the designation of “Endangered
2 Species Day”;

3 (2) recognizes the intrinsic value of plants and
4 wildlife as part of the United States environmental
5 heritage, and the invaluable role that the Endan-
6 gered Species Act of 1973 has played in safe-
7 guarding at-risk species; and

8 (3) acknowledges the continued importance of
9 the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and other con-
10 servation measures to protect threatened and endan-
11 gered species and address the biodiversity crisis.

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