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H. RES. 793

Recognizing the importance of the Upper Delaware River in New York State.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FASO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of the Upper Delaware River
in New York State.

Whereas the Upper Delaware River supports a thriving and growing recreational economy that includes a world-class wild trout tailwater fishery, a unique cold-water ecosystem, and one of the few remaining unspoiled major river valleys in the northeastern United States;

Whereas fishing, boating, and second home investment contribute a net value of approximately \$414,000,000 to the economy of the Upper Delaware River region, according to a 2014 economic study of the value of the Upper Delaware River;

Whereas more than 9 million New Yorkers rely on clean water that is supplied in whole or in part by the Upper Delaware River;

Whereas the Upper Delaware River region in the western Catskill Mountains of New York State is a major tourism destination and helps generate tourism activity from across the globe throughout the entire year;

Whereas, in 2016, Congress enacted subtitle E of title III of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (130 Stat. 1771) (commonly referred to as the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act), which paved the way for job-creating conservation projects in the Upper Delaware River region;

Whereas local elected officials, local conservation advocates, local business leaders, the Delaware County government, and numerous coalitions, including the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition, have joined together in a diverse partnership to develop a comprehensive stream corridor management plan for the Upper Delaware River region that will serve as a blueprint for future voluntary water resource management plans while also promoting initiatives that protect and restore the Upper Delaware River;

Whereas Sullivan County, New York, has initiated a comprehensive community-based waterfront revitalization effort that will highlight the cultural, social, and economic importance of the Upper Delaware River, create more public access to the Upper Delaware River, and help residents of the county and visitors to the county make a personal connection with the Upper Delaware River region;

Whereas the Governor of New York has placed a renewed emphasis on the Catskill Park as one of New York State's most ecologically and economically important natural resource assets; and

Whereas the Upper Delaware River was designated a unit of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System and a unit of the National Park system in 1978 in recognition of the outstanding recreational, scenic, ecological, geological, and cultural resources present in the river corridor: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the economic and ecological value
3 of the Upper Delaware River; and

4 (2) recognizes the importance of Federal and
5 State programs that will—

6 (A) protect and restore the Upper Dela-
7 ware River for all to enjoy; and

8 (B) generate economic benefits for the peo-
9 ple who rely on the Upper Delaware River for
10 their livelihoods.

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