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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of National Hunting and Fishing Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. EMMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of National Hunting and
Fishing Day.

Whereas, according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunt-
ing, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation's most recent
data, 103,700,000 Americans participated in wildlife-re-
lated recreational activities;

Whereas, according to the most recent data, there are
35,800,000 anglers, 11,500,000 hunters, and 86,000,000
wildlife watchers;

Whereas, according to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunt-
ing, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation's most recent
data, recreationists contributed \$156,900,000,000 to the
United States economy;

Whereas the 2016 U.S. Census Bureau National Population Estimates' most recent data reported 27 percent of the total United States population participates in sportfishing, hunting, or target shooting;

Whereas the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reported anglers supported 802,000 jobs and contributed \$63,500,000,000 to the Nation's gross domestic product;

Whereas the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation reported hunters and target shooters supported 854,000 jobs and contributed \$55,400,000,000 to the Nation's gross domestic product;

Whereas all Americans can participate in outdoor recreation and ensure the proper management of our natural resources for the benefit of future generations;

Whereas recreational and sporting activities both provide substantial economic benefits to rural America;

Whereas Congress resolved to recognize the "esthetic, health and recreational virtues of hunting and fishing" in 1972;

Whereas President Richard Nixon declared in 1972 the fourth Saturday of September as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" to recognize the contributions of the American hunter and angler; and

Whereas to honor the 50th anniversary of this day, the United States must continue to raise greater public awareness of the connection between hunting, angling, and conservation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of "National

3 Hunting and Fishing Day";

1 (2) supports the responsible management of
2 wildlife and natural resources entrusted to the pub-
3 lic; and
4 (3) encourages State-driven hunting and fishing
5 education and safety programs around the country.