

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF SIEGFRIED AND ROY, RECOGNIZING
THE IMPACT OF THEIR EFFORTS ON THE CONSERVATION OF ENDAN-
GERED SPECIES BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND WORLDWIDE, AND WISHING
ROY HORN A FULL AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2004.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. POMBO, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 431]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 431) honoring the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H. Res. 431 is to honor the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide, and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn have been performing to millions of people in Las Vegas, Nevada, for over 35 years. In 1990, they opened their internationally acclaimed illusionist show at the Mirage Hotel. This show was performed six times a week for 44 weeks each year. It was consistently sold out for more than 13 years and 700,000 fans a year purchased tickets to see their magical illusions and interactions with highly endangered white tigers and lions. In recognition of their talents, Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn received the Las Vegas Entertainment Award for the Best Show Act in 1972; the Magicians of the Year Award from the Academy of Magical Arts in 1976 and they were honored with the Magicians of the Century Award in 2000.

Siegfried and Roy have also dedicated their lives to the worldwide conservation of highly endangered species. They have served

as Chairmen and remain active supporters of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Save the Tiger Fund. This fund has educated millions of people to the plight and importance of saving imperiled tiger populations and it has raised millions of dollars to protect critical tiger habitat, stop poaching activities and establish effective conservation strategies in a number of range states. Due to their leadership, the number of white tigers in the world has dramatically increased to nearly 200 and there are now 23 rare white lions. These two conservationists have also been actively involved in animal conservation programs in South Africa and Germany.

On October 3, 2003, Roy Horn was seriously injured by one of his white tigers at the Mirage Hotel during a performance of "Siegfried and Roy". He is currently recovering from his injuries. This Resolution "honors the truly wondrous achievements of Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn", recognizes their impact on the conservation of endangered species and wishes Roy a speedy recovery.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H. Res. 431 was introduced on November 4, 2003, by Congresswoman Shelly Berkley (D-NV). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans. On April 22, 2004, the Subcommittee met to mark up the bill. No amendments were offered and the legislation was then ordered favorably reported to the full Committee by unanimous consent. On July 14, 2004, the full Resources Committee met to consider the resolution. There were no amendments offered and the resolution was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. This bill is a resolution to honor the achievements of Siegfried and Roy, recognizing the impact of their efforts on the conservation of endangered species both domestically and worldwide and wishing Roy Horn a full and speedy recovery. It entails no cost to the Federal government.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not

contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. The Committee has determined that H. Res. 431 entails no cost to the Federal government and therefore, no cost estimate was requested from the Congressional Budget Office.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

