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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the third Saturday in June of each year should be designated as “National Rivers Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CHAFEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the United States has a total of 3,000,000 linear miles of rivers, which have played a fundamental role in the Nation’s culture, heritage, ecological health, economic development, and overall quality of life;

Whereas rivers are used throughout the Nation as efficient transportation routes for commerce and industry, are used in urban areas as public transportation corridors, and have facilitated economic growth by providing transportation, generating hydroelectric power, and supplying water for farms and rural towns;

Whereas rivers support fish, waterfowl, and other wildlife that need greenways and clean water to survive in their

habitats, and people throughout America live in close proximity to rivers and streams and use them for swimming, fishing, boating, and other forms of recreation and leisure;

Whereas the Nation's rivers are important tourist destinations, which, each year, attract more than 46,000,000 international travelers and generate more than \$430,000,000 in tourism revenue;

Whereas the activities carried out along the Nation's rivers affect water resources, environment, and geography on regional, national, and global scales;

Whereas the President and Congress have declared their support for rivers through the American Heritage Rivers program; and

Whereas it is appropriate for the people of the United States from time to time to reflect upon the manner in which their activities and lifestyles affect the rivers of the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
 2 third Saturday in June of each year should be designated
 3 as "National Rivers Day".

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