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Recognizing the vital importance of hunting as a legitimate tool of wildlife resource management.

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the vital importance of hunting as a legitimate tool of wildlife resource management.

Whereas past predatory animal populations served to check the population of nonpredatory species;

Whereas through habitat reduction and other means, humans have played a role in the decline in the population of predatory animals;

Whereas nonpredatory species experience prolonged starvation and devastating disease due to overpopulation;

Whereas hunting helps balance the population of nonpredatory species;

Whereas hunters have a strong commitment to the overall health of wildlife and to the broader public's enjoyment of our natural resources;

Whereas hunters have contributed a majority of the financial resources for wildlife preservation through Federal and State revenues generated from hunting licenses and stamps;

Whereas these revenues are used to create and preserve habitat for game, nongame, and endangered animal species; and

Whereas these revenues are also used to regulate and effectively protect the populations of these animals: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Congress—

2 (1) recognizes hunting as a legitimate and necessary tool of wildlife resource management;

3 (2) affirms the vital importance of lawful hunting, regulated by the various State departments in charge of natural resources and the United States Department of the Interior, in maintaining healthy populations of wildlife;

4 (3) declares, as a matter of principle, that no Federal law should be passed limiting the taking and consumptive use of wildlife, other than those reasonable laws to ensure the safety of hunters and the continued perpetuation of wildlife itself; and

5 (4) acknowledges exceptions to paragraph (3), including laws designed to—

6 (A) protect species that are in danger of extinction;

1 (B) protect species which are not tradition-
2 ally considered as game or suitable for con-
3 sumptive use; and

4 (C) ensure hunting is carried out in a
5 sportsmanlike manner.

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