Joint Resolution

Asking the President of the United States to declare the fourth Saturday of September 1975 as "National Hunting and Fishing Day".

Whereas in the congestion and the complexities, the tensions and frustrations of today's life, the need for outdoor recreation—the opportunity to "get away from it all"—has become of crucial importance; and
Whereas there are few pursuits providing a better chance for healthy exercise, peaceful solitude, and appreciation of the great outdoors than hunting and fishing; and
Whereas this is evident in the fact that more than fifteen million hunting licenses and twenty-four million fishing licenses were issued in 1970; and
Whereas this income provides a rich source of funds for fish and wildlife conservation and management and for the salvation, preservation, and propagation of vanishing species; and
Whereas hunters and anglers traditionally have led in the effort to preserve our natural resources; and
Whereas outdoor sportsmen also have led in the promotion of proper respect for private as well as public property, of courtesy in the field and forest, and in boating and firearm safety programs; and
Whereas there is no present national recognition of the many and worthwhile contributions of the American hunter and angler; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States declare the fourth Saturday of September 1975, as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" to provide that deserved national recognition, to recognize the esthetic, health, and recreational virtues of hunting and fishing, to dramatize the continued need for gun and boat safety, and to rededicate ourselves to the conservation and respectful use of our wildlife and natural resources.

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