

House Resolution No. 6015

By Representative Hayzlett

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1 A RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Wildlife
2 and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

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4 WHEREAS, More than a century ago, hunters, anglers and trappers
5 were among the first conservationists who realized America's natural
6 resources were in peril and could not sustain unregulated harvest and
7 habitat destruction; and

8 WHEREAS, Hunters, anglers and trappers, with other conservationists
9 and ammunition companies, took it upon themselves to support laws to
10 end the excessive harvest of fish and wildlife; and

11 WHEREAS, The first law supporting the Wildlife and Sport Fish
12 Restoration Program was created on September 2, 1937, when President
13 Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act,
14 which raises funds through a dedicated excise tax on sporting guns and
15 ammunition. In 1950, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act was
16 enacted and added to the wildlife and sport fish restoration program.
17 Through this law, funds are provided for fish conservation and boating
18 and fishing recreational programs in each state through an excise tax
19 placed on certain fishing and boating equipment and fuels; and

20 WHEREAS, Since its 1937 inception, the Wildlife and Sport Fish
21 Restoration Program has provided more than \$14 billion to support fish
22 and wildlife restoration and management; and

23 WHEREAS, For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
24 Program has been driving the restoration and management of our fish and
25 wildlife resources. It has been justly called the most successful
26 conservation management program in the world. America's hunters,
27 shooters and anglers should be proud that they have held the program on
28 their shoulders for 75 years; and

29 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the state of Kansas
30 recognize that the primary authority to protect and manage fish and
31 resident wildlife within their borders rests in the state fish and wildlife
32 agencies: Now, therefore,

33 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
34 That the House of Representatives of the state of Kansas recognize
35 America's sportsmen and sportswomen; hunting, shooting, angling and
36 boating industries; state fish and wildlife agencies; and the U.S. Fish and

1 Wildlife Service for their leading role in restoring healthy populations of
2 fish, wildlife and other natural resources, both game and non-game, to the
3 abundance we see today through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
4 Program in this 75th anniversary year of America's greatest conservation
5 story; and

6 *Be it further resolved:* That an enrolled copy of this resolution be
7 provided to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
8 Operations Office, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, all Kansas
9 Congressional offices and local, regional and national media sources.

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