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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Wild Turkey Federation and recognizing its significant contributions to scientific wildlife management, research, and habitat conservation, as well as promoting and protecting the long-honored outdoor traditions of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Wild Turkey Federation and recognizing its significant contributions to scientific wildlife management, research, and habitat conservation, as well as promoting and protecting the long-honored outdoor traditions of the United States.

Whereas the National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc., was incorporated on March 28, 1973, in Fredericksburg, Virginia;

Whereas, over the course of 50 years, the National Wild Turkey Federation and millions of members and chapters

across the Nation have worked with State, Federal, and nongovernmental partners to promote the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage, participating in one of the greatest conservation success stories in United States history—the return of the wild turkey from the brink of extinction;

Whereas the National Wild Turkey Federation, its members, and chapters have been at the vanguard of reversing declining hunting participation through nationwide investment in hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation efforts, and partnering with States to develop opportunities to engage people from all walks of life in the outdoors tradition, and since 2012, the National Wild Turkey Federation has recruited and reactivated more than 1,500,000 hunters;

Whereas the National Wild Turkey Federation, its members, and chapters have invested more than \$500,000,000 dollars to conserve or enhance more than 22,000,000 acres of critical wildlife habitat, forests, and grasslands across public and private lands since 1985;

Whereas the National Wild Turkey Federation, its members, and chapters have invested more than \$8,500,000 in research throughout North America to ensure healthy wild turkey populations into the future; and

Whereas the National Wild Turkey Federation is the largest and longest serving nongovernmental stewardship partner of the United States Forest Service, conserving habitat on National Forest System lands for more than 40 years, and is heavily engaged in the development and implementation of the Department of Agriculture’s Wildfire Crisis Strategy: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes and celebrates the 50th anniver-
3 sary of the National Wild Turkey Federation and
4 salutes the organization, its members, and chapters
5 from across the United States for their tremendous
6 efforts to further scientific, State-led wildlife man-
7 agement and the conservation of America’s wild tur-
8 key and its habitat; and

9 (2) wishes the National Wild Turkey Federa-
10 tion, its members, and chapters the best for the fu-
11 ture as they continue to deliver their mission by
12 working across land ownership boundaries on a land-
13 scape scale to increase clean and abundant water,
14 healthy forests and wildlife habitat, resilient commu-
15 nities, and robust recreational opportunities across
16 the country.