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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 1997

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself, Mr. GINGRICH, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HERGER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. POMBO, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. RIGGS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado, Mr. HANSEN, and Mr. RADANOVICH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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Additional sponsors: Mr. REDMOND, Mr. PICKETT, Mr. CANNON, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA

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~~Whereas carbon dioxide, a major greenhouse gas, can be removed from the atmosphere by trees through photosynthesis and stored in wood;~~

~~Whereas the release of that stored carbon dioxide, through the decomposing or burning of wood, can be prevented or delayed by the harvesting of forest products and their use in environmentally friendly wood products such as furniture, building materials for homes and paper;~~

~~Whereas other releases of carbon dioxide can be prevented by the use of wood products as substitutes for products whose manufacture consumes fossil fuels and releases substantial amounts of carbon dioxide; and~~

~~Whereas actively managing our public domain national forests by planting, growing and utilizing our forest resources will remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere: Now, therefore, be it~~

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Whereas managing our forests by planting and growing our forest resources will remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the*
 3 *United States—*

4 (1) should manage its public domain national
 5 forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide
 6 in the atmosphere and recognize the scientific valid-
 7 ity of carbon sequestration and sinks of trees and
 8 wood products; and

9 (2) should serve as an example and as a world
 10 leader in actively managing its public domain na-
 11 tional forests in a manner that substantially reduces
 12 the amount of carbon dioxide added to the atmos-
 13 phere.

14 *That it is the sense of the Congress that the United States—*

15 (1) should manage its forests to maximize the re-
 16 duction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among
 17 many other objectives; and

1 (2) *should serve as an example and as a world*
2 *leader in managing its forests in a manner that sub-*
3 *stantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide in the*
4 *atmosphere.*

Amend the title so as to read: “Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should manage its forests to maximize the reduction of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere among many other objectives, and that the United States should serve as an example and as a world leader in managing its forests in a manner that substantially reduces the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.”.