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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Earth Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding Earth Day.

Whereas 20 million Americans participated in the first national celebration of Earth Day on April 22, 1970, greatly increasing environmental awareness nationwide;

Whereas Earth Day has been celebrated every year since then by an increasing number of Americans, and is now observed in more than 140 countries;

Whereas Earth day calls attention to harmful human impacts on the natural environment, including air pollution, water pollution, ocean pollution, stratospheric pollution, and the disposal of hazardous wastes;

Whereas Earth Day alerts the world to environmental threats to human health and well-being as well as the loss of native forests, wetlands, prairies, marine ecosystems, and

other wildlife habitats and wilderness areas, and the diverse species that inhabit them; and

Whereas Earth Day educates the public about positive opportunities to improve the world by improving energy efficiency, developing safe and renewable energy sources, eliminating the production of harmful wastes, protecting biodiversity, encouraging sustainable development throughout the world, and designing goods to be durable, reusable, and recyclable: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that Earth Day should be officially estab-
3 lished to draw attention to the impact of human activity
4 on the natural environment, alert the world to environ-
5 mental threats to human health and well-being, and advo-
6 cate personal actions and public policies to promote and
7 preserve a healthy, diverse, resilient, and productive world
8 for our children.

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