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H. CON. RES. 185

Recognizing the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture for 100 years of dedicated service and caring for the forest lands of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOODLATTE (for himself, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. JENKINS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas Congress established the Forest Service in 1905 to manage certain forested lands in Federal ownership, now known as the National Forest System, to provide quality water and timber for the benefit of the United States;

Whereas the mission of the Forest Service has been expanded by Congress to provide for additional multiple-use benefits of the National Forest System, including sustained

yield of renewable resources such as water, forage, wildlife, wood, and recreation;

Whereas the National Forest System currently encompasses 191,000,000 acres, which are managed as 155 national forests and 20 grasslands in 44 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands;

Whereas the Forest Service also plays key roles in supporting forestry research, including research that promotes efficient and innovative uses for wood and wood fiber;

Whereas the Forest Service works with and through State, Tribal, and local governments to provide assistance to private forest landowners; and

Whereas Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service, fostered the idea that “where conflicting interests must be reconciled, the question will always be decided from the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the Forest Service of the Depart-
4 ment of Agriculture for 100 years of dedicated serv-
5 ice and caring for the forest lands of the United
6 States;

7 (2) acknowledges the promise of the Forest
8 Service to continue to care for the natural legacy of
9 the United States; and

1 (3) encourages the Forest Service to deliver
2 multiple-use benefits efficiently as the agency enters
3 its second century.

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