106TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1749

To designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 11, 1999

Mr. Ballenger introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF WILSON CREEK IN NORTH
- 4 CAROLINA AS A WILD, SCENIC, AND REC-
- 5 REATIONAL RIVER.
- 6 Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16
- 7 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 8 lowing new paragraph:
- 9 "(161) Wilson Creek, North Carolina.—(A)
- 10 The 23.3 mile segment of Wilson Creek in the State of

- 1 North Carolina from its headwaters to its confluence with
- 2 Johns River, to be administered by the Secretary of Agri-
- 3 culture in the following classifications:
- 4 "(i) The 2.9 mile segment from its headwaters
- 5 below Calloway Peak downstream to the confluence
- 6 of Little Wilson Creek, as a scenic river.
- 7 "(ii) The 4.6 segment from Little Wilson Creek
- 8 downstream to the confluence of Crusher Branch, as
- 9 a wild river.
- 10 "(iii) The 15.8 segment from Crusher Branch
- downstream to the confluence of Johns River, as a
- 12 recreational river.
- 13 "(B) The Forest Service or any other agency of the
- 14 Federal Government may not undertake condemnation
- 15 proceedings for the purpose of acquiring public right-of-
- 16 way or access to Wilson Creek against the private property
- 17 of T. Henry Wilson (or his heirs or assigns) located in
- 18 Avery County, North Carolina (within the area 36°, 4
- 19 min., 21 sec. North 81°, 47 min., 37° West and 36°, 3
- 20 min., 13 sec. North and 81° 45 min. 55 sec. West), in
- 21 the area of Wilson Creek designated as a wild river.".