

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. CON. RES. 305

Recognizing the vital importance of hunting as a legitimate tool of wildlife resource management.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the vital importance of hunting as a legitimate tool of wildlife resource management.

Whereas past predatory animal populations served to check the population of nonpredatory species;

Whereas nonpredatory species experience prolonged starvation and devastating disease due to overpopulation;

Whereas hunting helps balance the population of nonpredatory species;

Whereas hunters have a strong commitment to the overall health of wildlife and to the broader public's enjoyment of our natural resources;

Whereas hunters have contributed a majority of the financial resources for wildlife preservation through Federal and

State revenues generated from hunting licenses and stamps;

Whereas these revenues are used to create and preserve habitat for game, nongame, and endangered animal species; and

Whereas these revenues are also used to regulate and effectively protect the populations of these animals: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) recognizes hunting as a legitimate and nec-  
4            essary tool of wildlife resource management;

5            (2) affirms the vital importance of lawful hunt-  
6            ing, regulated by the various State departments in  
7            charge of natural resources and the United States  
8            Department of the Interior, in maintaining healthy  
9            populations of wildlife;

10          (3) declares, as a matter of principle, that no  
11          Federal law should be passed limiting the taking and  
12          consumptive use of wildlife, other than those reason-  
13          able laws to ensure the safety of hunters and the  
14          continued perpetuation of wildlife itself; and

15          (4) acknowledges exceptions to paragraph (3),  
16          including laws designed to—

17                  (A) protect species that are in danger of  
18                  extinction;

1           (B) protect species which are not tradition-  
2           ally considered as game or suitable for con-  
3           sumptive use; and

4           (C) ensure hunting is carried out in a  
5           sportsmanlike manner.

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