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H. CON. RES. 383

Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Arbor Day Foundation
and National Arbor Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2006

Mr. FORTENBERRY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Arbor Day
Foundation and National Arbor Day.

Whereas the National Arbor Day Foundation was founded in
1972 and now has nearly 1,000,000 members;

Whereas John Rosenow, President of the National Arbor Day
Foundation, has provided outstanding leadership of the
organization since its founding;

Whereas the mission of the National Arbor Day Foundation
is to “inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate
trees”;

Whereas the National Arbor Day Foundation works to pro-
tect and enhance the global environment by promoting
rainforest preservation, urban and community forestry,
and the planting of trees throughout the world;

Whereas the National Arbor Day Foundation manages the 260-acre Arbor Day Farm to serve as a model of environmental stewardship;

Whereas National Arbor Day Foundation distributes more than 8,000,000 trees annually through its Trees for America program;

Whereas the National Arbor Day Foundation has worked with the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service since 1990, helping to plant nearly 4,000,000 trees in National Forests damaged by fire, insects, or other natural causes;

Whereas J. Sterling Morton recognized the need for trees in Nebraska and proposed a tree-planting holiday called "Arbor Day" in 1872;

Whereas it was estimated that more than 1,000,000 trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day in 1872;

Whereas the observation of Arbor Day soon spread to other States and is now observed nationally and in many other countries;

Whereas J. Sterling Morton once observed that "The cultivation of trees is the culmination of the good, the beautiful, and the ennobling in man"; and

Whereas National Arbor Day, the last Friday in April, will be celebrated on April 28, 2006: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Na-
4 tional Arbor Day Foundation; and

1 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
2 mation calling upon the people of the United States
3 to observe National Arbor Day with appropriate
4 ceremonies and activities.

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