

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1841

A RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th anniversary of the
Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

WHEREAS, More than a century ago, hunters, anglers and trappers were among the first conservationists who realized America's natural resources were in peril and could not sustain unregulated harvest and habitat destruction; and

WHEREAS, Hunters, anglers and trappers, with other conservationists and ammunition companies, took it upon themselves to support laws to end the excessive harvest of fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, The first law supporting the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program was created on September 2, 1937, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, which raises funds through a dedicated excise tax on sporting guns and ammunition. In 1950, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act was enacted and added to the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program. Through this law, funds are provided for fish conservation and boating and fishing recreational programs in each state through an excise tax placed on certain fishing and boating equipment and fuels; and

WHEREAS, Since its 1937 inception, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has provided more than \$14 billion to support fish and wildlife restoration and management; and

WHEREAS, For 75 years, the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program has been driving the restoration and management of our fish and wildlife resources. It has been justly called the most successful conservation management program in the world. America's hunters, shooters and anglers should be proud that they have held the program on their shoulders for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the state of Kansas recognizes that the primary authority to protect and manage fish and resident wildlife within their borders rests in the state fish and wildlife agencies: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Senate of the state of Kansas recognizes America's sportsmen and sportswomen; hunting, shooting, angling and boating industries; state fish and wildlife agencies; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for their leading role in restoring healthy populations of fish, wildlife and other natural resources, both game and non-game, to the abundance we see today through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program in this 75th anniversary year of America's greatest conservation story; and

Be it further resolved: That an enrolled copy of this resolution be provided to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Operations Office, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, all Kansas Congressional offices and local, regional and national media sources.

Senate Resolution No. 1841 was sponsored by Senator Ray Merrick.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.