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RESOLUTION

Recognizing National Hunting and Fishing Day, September 26, 2015.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize September 26, 2015, as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back further than the state itself and carries forward to this day. Indeed, local sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to conserve fish, wildlife, and their traditional habitats, and through the American System of Conservation Funding and the payment of license fees and excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, and hunting, fishing, archery, and boating equipment, they have continued to help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, For 2015 alone, Ohio's sportsmen and women generated 24 million dollars in tax revenue, 15.8 million dollars in fishing license revenue, and 10.8 million dollars in hunting license revenue to support the conservation efforts of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. In addition, 1.56 million hunters and anglers contribute 2.75 billion dollars annually to our state's economy and provide for 46,825 jobs; and

WHEREAS, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to our society. Clearly, these fine individuals are deserving of high praise; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 131st General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, commend the many and varied social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits of our time-honored traditions of hunting and angling by recognizing September 26, 2015, as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Ohio; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio.