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3 By Representatives Davis, Fincher, McClendon, Chesteen, Lee,
4 Jackson and Grimsley
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2 ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,
3 RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILDLIFE AND
4 SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAMS.
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6 WHEREAS, seventy-five years ago, on September 2,
7 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Federal Aid
8 in Wildlife Restoration Act which fosters partnerships between
9 federal and state fish and wildlife agencies, the sporting
10 arms industry, conservation groups, and sportsmen and women to
11 benefit wildlife; and

12 WHEREAS, it is appropriate at this time to highlight
13 its history of achievements and to underscore the positive
14 impact the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs (WSFR)
15 have had on the citizens of the State of Alabama and the
16 United States and on the natural resources of our country; and

17 WHEREAS, in the early 1900's many fish and wildlife
18 species were dwindling in numbers or disappearing altogether,
19 conservationists began to realize that more actions were
20 needed to stop continuing losses and conserve wildlife; the
21 hunting and shooting industries stepped forward to help fish
22 and wildlife agencies counteract the crisis; funding
23 strategies were developed and partnerships established to
24 create a successful user pay, user benefit program; and

1 WHEREAS, by 1937, the Wildlife Restoration program
2 provided grant funds to the state and others for projects to
3 restore, conserve, manage, and enhance wild birds, mammals,
4 and their habitats; by the 1950's, the Sport Fish Restoration
5 program was created to restore and better manage America's
6 declining fishery resources and was modeled after the
7 successful Wildlife Restoration program; and

8 WHEREAS, these programs have made the difference
9 between the survival and abundance of some species and many
10 fish and wildlife populations are at historically high levels
11 today; WSFR also increases the number of days and places where
12 one can go afield or on the water to enjoy favorite outdoor
13 activities; and

14 WHEREAS, Wildlife Restoration funds can be used for
15 reintroduction of declining species, wildlife population
16 surveys, species research, hunter education, acquisition of
17 wildlife habitat, and the development of shooting ranges;
18 Sport Fish Restoration funds can be used for fish research,
19 reintroducing declining sport fish species, restoring aquatic
20 habitat such as coastal wetlands, aquatic education,
21 constructing boat ramps and fishing piers and boating access;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the mission of the Wildlife and Sport Fish
24 Restoration programs include the preservation of land,
25 wildlife, fish, and better opportunities for hunters,

1 fishermen, and others to enjoy America's fish and wildlife
2 resources and it is one of the most significant and successful
3 partnership approaches to fish and wildlife conservation in
4 United States history; now therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That in recognition of outstanding
7 achievement in the past 75 years, highest commendation is
8 herein extended to the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
9 Program, and it is directed that a copy of this resolution be
10 provided for appropriate display with sincere best wishes for
11 continued success in all future endeavors.

