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HOUSE MEMORIAL 19

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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL WILD
TURKEY FEDERATION; RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY
FEDERATION'S SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENTIFIC WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT, RESEARCH AND HABITAT CONSERVATION AND THE PROMOTION
AND PROTECTION OF THE LONG-HONORED OUTDOOR TRADITIONS OF THE
UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation,
incorporated, was incorporated on March 28, 1973 in
Fredericksburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, over the course of fifty years, the national wild
turkey federation and its members and chapters across the
nation have worked with state, federal and nongovernmental
partners to promote the conservation of the wild turkey and to
preserve America's hunting heritage; and

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1 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation has aided in
2 one of the greatest conservation success stories in American
3 history: the repopulation of the wild turkey from the brink of
4 extinction; and

5 WHEREAS, three out of six subspecies of wild turkey make
6 New Mexico their home: the Merriam's wild turkey, the Rio
7 Grande wild turkey and the Gould's wild turkey; and

8 WHEREAS, the Gould's wild turkey is unique to the regions
9 of southwest New Mexico, southeast Arizona and the country of
10 Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, the Gould's wild turkey is the largest wild
12 turkey subspecies, with the longest legs and the whitest
13 feather tips; and

14 WHEREAS, wild turkeys are a popular game species for
15 hunters and a welcome sight to bird watchers, hikers and all
16 New Mexicans who spend time in turkey country; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1975 the department of game and fish
18 designated the Gould's wild turkey as a threatened species; and

19 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation has provided
20 funding to and worked with the department of game and fish to
21 restore populations and enhance the genetic diversity of
22 Gould's wild turkeys in New Mexico through research and
23 translocation; and

24 WHEREAS, the Gould's wild turkey was removed from the New
25 Mexico threatened and endangered species list in October 2022;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation is the
3 largest and longest serving nongovernmental stewardship partner
4 of the United States department of agriculture forest service,
5 conserving habitats on national forest system lands for more
6 than forty years and assisting in the development and
7 implementation of the United States department of agriculture's
8 wildfire crisis strategy; and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapter of the national wild
10 turkey federation holds one of the most successful women in the
11 outdoors events in the country at camp tall pines in Mayhill;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the national
14 wild turkey federation and its chapters and members across the
15 United States be recognized and saluted for their tremendous
16 efforts to further scientific, state-led wildlife management,
17 the conservation of America's wild turkey and its habitat and
18 their continuing mission to work across land-ownership
19 boundaries to increase the amount of clean and abundant waters,
20 healthy forests and wildlife habitats, resilient communities
21 and robust recreational opportunities across the country; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the national wild turkey federation.

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