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Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of Public Law 87–788,
commonly known as the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. MICHAUD (for himself and Mr. HARPER) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of Public
Law 87–788, commonly known as the McIntire-Stennis
Cooperative Forestry Act.

Whereas October 10, 2012, marks the 50th anniversary of
the enactment of Public Law 87–788 (commonly known
as the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act; 16
U.S.C. 582a et seq.), which authorizes the Secretary of
Agriculture to encourage and assist States in conducting
a program of forestry research;

Whereas the Act was named for the two primary, bipartisan
sponsors of the Act, Representative Clifford G. McIntire
of Maine and Senator John C. Stennis of Mississippi,
who recognized that research in forestry is the “driving
force behind progress in developing and utilizing the Na-
tion’s forests”;

Whereas the Act recognized that forestry research would be more effective nationwide if efforts among State colleges and universities were partnered with and more closely coordinated with forestry research activities carried out by the Federal Government;

Whereas Congressman McIntire and Senator Stennis stated a clear intent to address the important need for increased numbers of highly trained forestry scientists and other research professionals in the United States;

Whereas the Act has provided base funding throughout five decades to create and strengthen research and training capacity in forestry at State-supported colleges and universities;

Whereas funds provided through the Act at State-supported colleges and universities are highly leveraged with non-Federal funds;

Whereas university-based forestry research has provided an accumulated wealth of science-based knowledge, skills, and technologies that have been critical for sustaining the economic, ecological, and social benefits of forests in the United States;

Whereas funding provided through the Act for forestry research at State-supported colleges and universities has provided significant graduate student support for the last 50 years, resulting in the award of 8,500 master's degrees and 2,600 doctoral degrees;

Whereas the State-supported colleges and universities receiving funds through the Act conduct forestry research in each State and in four territories of the United States, and disseminate the results of such research locally, re-

gionally, nationally, and globally for the betterment of local communities, the Nation, and the world; and

Whereas many State-supported colleges and universities are celebrating and commemorating the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Act: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) celebrates the 50th anniversary of the en-
3 actment of Public Law 87–788, commonly known as
4 the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act (16
5 U.S.C. 582a et seq.);

6 (2) encourages the people of the United States
7 to observe and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the
8 enactment of the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative For-
9 estry Act; and

10 (3) affirms the continuing importance and vital-
11 ity of the State-supported colleges and universities
12 conducting forestry research and training supported
13 by the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act.

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