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which established the National Wilderness Preservation System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28 (legislative day, JANUARY 3), 1989

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mr. BUENS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DOLE, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. FORD, Mr. GORE, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. METZENBAUM, Mr. PACKWOOD, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SASSER, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. WILSON) submitted the following resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Wilderness Act of 1964 which established the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Whereas 1989 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the National Wilderness Preservation System;

Whereas wilderness areas were created to secure for the American people the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness;

Whereas Congressionally designated wilderness is an area of undeveloped Federal land where earth and nature are untrammelled by man, and where man is a visitor who does not remain;

Whereas wilderness areas allow us to preserve ecological, geo-

logical, scientific, educational, scenic, and historical values;
Whereas wilderness areas provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation;

Whereas in 1924 the Gila Wilderness in New Mexico was the first administratively designated wilderness in the nation, and became statutory wilderness in 1964;

Whereas there are four hundred and seventy-four units totaling nearly ninety-one million acres in forty-four States that comprise the National Wilderness Preservation System today;

Whereas a wide range of individuals, organizations, and agencies with differing perspectives have worked with Congress to promote preservation of wilderness areas;

Whereas the Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management are entrusted to protect and manage our wilderness heritage;

Whereas the Wilderness Act passed in both houses of Congress with a strong sense of bipartisan support; and

Whereas the Wilderness Act was signed into law on September 3, 1964 by President Lyndon Baines Johnson: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved, by the Senate and the House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That the week of September 3 through September 9, 1989,
- 1 is designated as "National Wilderness Week". The President
- 2 is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling
- 3 upon the people of the United States to observe the week
- 4 with appropriate activities and programs.