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2 HJM 4036 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Agriculture & Environment

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5 Strike everything after line 7 and insert the following:

6 "WHEREAS, The Columbia and Snake River dams supply a significant  
7 portion of the electrical power for the Pacific Northwest; and

8 WHEREAS, Proposals are being advanced for the federal government to  
9 breach dams, but data on the effectiveness of this strategy is  
10 incomplete and inconclusive; and

11 WHEREAS, In the 1950's, the federal government pledged to provide  
12 the funding and engineering to construct fish bypass elements around  
13 these dams; and

14 WHEREAS, Breaching the dams would have a devastating effect on the  
15 economies of river-dependent cities and ports; and

16 WHEREAS, Restoring wild salmon runs will require a long-term,  
17 comprehensive approach by all interested parties;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
19 President and Congress reject any proposals that seek to breach the  
20 dams on the Columbia or Snake Rivers; and request that Congress follow  
21 through on its commitments made in the 1950's in regard to providing  
22 funding for effective passageways around the dams for fish.

23 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
24 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the  
25 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker  
26 of the House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the  
27 State of Washington."

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