

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2005-4668, by Representative Kessler

WHEREAS, The year 2005 represents the centennial anniversary of the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Service was the first government agency to put trained professionals in charge of managing public lands, creating a new model for land conservation; and

WHEREAS, Since 1905, the Forest Service has endeavored to satisfy the vision of its first chief, Gifford Pinchot, when he described the mission of the Forest Service as that of providing the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people in the long run; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Service has managed to succeed with its challenging mandate of sustaining healthy, diverse, and productive forests for both present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Service not only produces forest products that are important to the nation's economy, but it also provides recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Service is also the largest forestry research organization in the world, providing technical and financial assistance to state and private forestry agencies; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, the Forest Service manages over one hundred ninety million acres, which is an area approximately equivalent to the size of the state of Texas; and

WHEREAS, The Forest Service manages millions of acres in six national forests, and one national volcanic monument, in Washington alone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives congratulate and honor the United States Forest Service on its centennial anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Dale Bosworth, Chief of the United States Forest Service and Mike Johanns, Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
Resolution 4668 adopted by the House of Representatives  
April 16, 2005

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Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk