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Speaker Cupp

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing September 26, 2020, as National Hunting and Fishing Day in Ohio.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio are pleased to recognize National Hunting and Fishing Day in Ohio, September 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, More than one hundred years ago, hunters and anglers were among the first to realize that the unregulated use of wildlife was threatening the future of many species. With the assistance of fellow sportsman President Theodore Roosevelt, they worked to create laws restricting the commercial slaughter of wildlife, instituted hunting and fishing licenses, encouraged the sustainable use of fish and game, and lobbied for taxes on sporting equipment to fund state conservation agencies, and these actions helped numerous North American species to rebound. In addition, these efforts have aided in protecting and improving millions of acres of vital habitat all across our nation; and

WHEREAS, To bring attention to the important role that hunters and anglers play in the conservation movement, resolutions calling for the celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day as the fourth Saturday of each September passed through the United States Congress in early 1972, and President Richard Nixon signed the first annual proclamation of this observance on May 2 of that year. By summer, state and local versions of the day had been designated across the country, and numerous organizations conducted hunting and fishing events to help Americans experience, understand, and appreciate these outdoor sports; and

WHEREAS, Held this year on September 26, National Hunting and Fishing Day continues to be effective in promoting

conservation and outdoor sports. America's hunters and anglers are 27
certainly to be applauded on their tremendous efforts, for they 28
provide funds for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources 29
Division of Wildlife through their license fees as well as self- 30
imposed excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle, and 31
motorboat fuels; therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 33
Representatives of the 133rd General Assembly of Ohio, in adopting 34
this Resolution, recognize National Hunting and Fishing Day in 35
Ohio, September 26, 2020, and urge Ohio's citizens to take part in 36
appropriate activities; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 38
transmit duly authenticated copies of this Resolution to the news 39
media of Ohio. 40