LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

Sixty-fourth Legislature Second Regular Session - 2018

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND SUPPORTING LEGISLATION REDESIGNATING THE WHITE CLOUDS WILDERNESS AREA AS THE CECIL D. ANDRUS-WHITE CLOUDS WILDERNESS AND RECOGNIZING AND HONORING CECIL D. ANDRUS FOR HIS WORK IN PROTECTING IDAHO'S NATURAL RESOURCES.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2015, Idaho's Second District Congressman Mike Simpson's wilderness bill became law, creating three areas totaling 275,000 acres, including the White Clouds, Hemingway-Boulders and Jim McClure-Jerry Peak Wilderness Areas; and

WHEREAS, Cecil "Cece" D. Andrus was elected Governor of the State of Idaho four times in addition to serving as United States Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, during his first term as Governor, Cecil D. Andrus played a key role in winning support by the United States Congress for federal designation of the Sawtooth Wilderness Area in the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Cecil D. Andrus stopped a major open-pit molybdenum mine that threatened Castle Peak, the highest peak in the White Cloud mountains, a top issue in his 1970 race for governor of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Cecil D. Andrus assisted Congressman Simpson in his fifteen-year effort to win the wilderness designation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Simpson introduced H.R. 4134, the Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness Redesignation Act, in the First Session of the 115th Congress (2017-2018) to redesignate the White Clouds Wilderness in the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests in the State of Idaho as the Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness in honor of former Idaho Governor and Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that we support the efforts of United States Congressman Mike Simpson of Idaho to redesignate the White Clouds Wilderness in the Sawtooth and Challis National Forests in the State of Idaho as the Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness in honor of former Idaho Governor and Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we honor and recognize Cecil D. Andrus for his work in protecting Idaho's natural resources.