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Dear Senator,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and the millions of members we represent nationwide, we are writing to ask you to cosponsor the Senate Resolution designating May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as "Endangered Species Day."

Endangered Species Day will raise awareness about the threats to endangered species and the success stories in species recovery. It will provide an opportunity for schools, libraries, museums, zoos, botanical gardens, agencies, businesses, community organizations and conservation organizations to educate the public about the importance of protecting endangered species and highlight the everyday actions that individuals and groups can take to help protect our nation's wildlife, fish and plants. With over 1,800 species worldwide now listed as threatened and endangered, and thousands more threatened with extinction unless they are protected, every such public education effort is greatly needed.

Through a similar resolution, the United States Senate unanimously declared last May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 as "Endangered Species Day". Following the Senate's lead, thirty-six events were held across the country to highlight endangered species success stories. For example, visitors to the Aquarium on the Bay in San Francisco were treated to a variety of educational presentations regarding local endangered and threatened species throughout the day. In Oregon, the Portland Metro Council declared May 11<sup>th</sup> "Endangered Species Day" locally and visitors to the Oregon Zoo could attend keeper talks about the zoos resident endangered species.

We believe that we have a responsibility to protect wildlife, plants and fish that are on the brink of extinction. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to be good stewards of the environment and leave behind a legacy of protecting endangered species and the special places they call home. With your help, we can make the second annual "Endangered Species Day" on May 18<sup>th</sup> a great success. Thank you for your support of this important issue.

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