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House Resolution

A resolution designating May 17, 2024, as "Endangered Species Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, annually on the third Friday in May, thousands of people around the world participate in a global day of action celebrating, learning about, and taking action to protect endangered species, and

WHEREAS, wildlife refuges, gardens, schools, libraries, museums, community groups, nonprofits, and individuals hold special programs or events highlighting the significance of protecting endangered species, and

WHEREAS, endangered species include plants and animals that are determined to be threatened or endangered and are provided protections under the United States Endangered Species Act, and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,300 threatened or endangered species in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission maintains that endangered species in this state include the leatherback sea turtle, the ivory-billed woodpecker, the finback whale, the Florida panther, the humpback whale, the Key Largo cotton mouse, the sperm whale, and many others, and

WHEREAS, education about threatened or endangered species, growing native plants, reducing the use of outdoor chemicals,

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25 | and protecting wildlife habitats contribute to the protection of  
26 | threatened or endangered species, and

27 |       WHEREAS, education and advocacy have protected endangered  
28 | species such as the American alligator through conservation  
29 | efforts, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 | Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
32 | Florida:

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34 |       That May 17, 2024, is designated as "Endangered Species  
35 | Day" and Floridians are encouraged to take actions to protect  
36 | endangered species.