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House Resolution

A resolution designating May 16, 2025, as "Endangered Species Day" in Florida.

5 WHEREAS, annually on the third Friday in May, thousands of 6 people around the world participate in a global day of action 7 celebrating, learning about, and taking action to protect 8 endangered species, and

9 WHEREAS, wildlife refuges, gardens, schools, libraries, 10 museums, community groups, nonprofits, and individuals hold 11 special programs or events highlighting the significance of 12 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

16 WHEREAS, there are over 1,300 threatened or endangered 17 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

23 WHEREAS, education about threatened or endangered species,
24 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 16, 2025, is designated as "Endangered Species
35	Day" in Florida.