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H. RES. 293

Supporting the designation of April 2023 as “National Native Plant Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2023

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. BUCK, Mr. CASE, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of April 2023 as “National Native Plant Month”.

Whereas native plants are indigenous species that have evolved and occur naturally in a particular region, ecosystem, and habitat;

Whereas there are more than 17,000 native plant species in the United States, which include trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and wildflowers;

Whereas native plants help prevent flooding, drought, and erosion and can help restore damaged ecosystems;

Whereas native plants provide shelter as well as nectar, pollen, and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds, and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot;

Whereas more than 200 of the native plant species in the United States are estimated to have been lost since the early 19th century;

Whereas habitat loss and degradation, extreme weather events, and invasive species have contributed to the decline of native plants in the United States; and

Whereas native plants are essential components of resilient ecosystems and the natural heritage of the United States:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “National Na-
3 tive Plant Month”; and

4 (2) recognizes the benefits of native plants to
5 the environment and economy of the United States.

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