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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the recognition, protection, promotion, and facilitation of the annual JFK 50 Mile.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARTLETT submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the recognition, protection, promotion, and facilitation of the annual JFK 50 Mile.

Whereas the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club answered President John F. Kennedy's challenge and held the first JFK 50 Mile in 1963;

Whereas by 1973, there were 2,000 entrants;

Whereas the JFK 50 Mile course was laid out over Government land designated for the expressed use of hikers and citizens seeking fitness;

Whereas President Kennedy set a national goal of improving the health of the United States people;

Whereas President Kennedy called upon the Executive order from President Theodore Roosevelt challenging United States Marine Officers to finish 50 miles in 20 hours;

Whereas since the inception of the JFK 50 Mile, all members of the United States Armed Forces have been welcome and have met this challenge by former Presidents Kennedy and Roosevelt over this historic course marked by the history of the Nation over the Appalachian Trail and the C & O Canal passing over hallowed ground near Crampton's Gap, Maryland, Weaverton Cliffs, Maryland, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, and Antietam Battlefield; and

Whereas the JFK 50 Mile is the Nation's oldest ultra marathon: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that—

3 (1) the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club and
4 the Director of the National Park Service should
5 continue to accommodate members of the United
6 States Armed Forces as they meet the challenge of
7 the JFK 50 Mile;

8 (2) the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club should
9 work with the National Park Service to accommo-
10 date controlled and managed growth of the JFK 50
11 Mile as the event approaches its 50th year in 2012;

12 (3) any growth over 2,000 participants should
13 be at the mutual consent of the Director of the Na-

1 tional Parks and the Cumberland Valley Athletic
2 Club; and

3 (4) the United States Government should recog-
4 nize the desire to protect and promote the heritage
5 and historical significance of the JFK 50 Mile held
6 every year rain or shine, sleet or snow.

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