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## A RESOLUTION

1    Memorializing the President of the United States and Congress to  
2       promote and strengthen steps to save the rain forests.

3       WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is becoming  
4    increasingly concerned that the tropical rain forests are being  
5    destroyed at a rate of between 13.5 million and 55 million acres  
6    a year; and

7       WHEREAS, It is feared that further destruction will lead to  
8    the elimination of hundreds of thousands of species of plants  
9    and animals; and

10      WHEREAS, Rain forests are an important source of medicinal  
11    plants, and approximately 121 prescription drugs are derived  
12    from plants which have their origins in rain forests; and

13      WHEREAS, Rain forests are storehouses of evolutionary  
14    achievement and are increasingly invaluable to humankind in our  
15    search for the mysteries of life; and

16      WHEREAS, Rain forests play a major role in the way the sun's

1 heat is distributed around the globe, and any disturbance could  
2 produce climatic chaos; and

3 WHEREAS, It is imperative that something be done before the  
4 damage to the rain forests is irreversible; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the  
6 President and Congress to take whatever steps are necessary to  
7 protect the rain forests from further destruction; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
10 the President of the United States and the presiding officers of  
11 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
12 Pennsylvania.