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A RESOLUTION

1 Mourning the mass loss of Australian wildlife caused by the
2 bushfire crisis.

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 136 bushfires are currently ravaging
4 Australia, putting citizens, firefighters and wildlife at risk;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The fires have been burning since September 2019;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, More than 25 million acres of land, home to various
9 wildlife species, have burned; and

10 WHEREAS, It is conservatively estimated that more than 1
11 billion animals, including 8,000 koalas, have died; and

12 WHEREAS, As many as 100 species of plants have been
13 classified as threatened due to habitat loss; and

14 WHEREAS, Several animal species, including the black-tailed
15 dusky antechinus, long-footed potoroo, glossy black cockatoo and
16 dunnart, a mouse-sized marsupial, are at risk of extinction; and

1 WHEREAS, The fires are undeniably a direct result of the
2 worsening effects of manmade climate change and prove the global
3 interconnection we all share in this fight; and

4 WHEREAS, The potentially permanent loss of wildlife diversity
5 affects not only Australia but the entire planet; therefore be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives mourn the mass
8 loss of Australian wildlife caused by the bushfire crisis.