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Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy.

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Ms. FOXX (for herself, Ms. HOOLEY, Mr. MCHENRY, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. COBLE, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PETRI, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. JONES of North Carolina) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

JOINT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy.

Whereas Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since the 1850s;

Whereas, by 1900, one in five American families decorated a tree during the Christmas season, while, by 1930, a decorated Christmas tree had become a nearly universal part of the American Christmas celebration;

Whereas 32.8 million households in the United States purchased a live-cut Christmas tree in 2005;

Whereas the placement and decoration of live-cut Christmas trees in town squares across the country have become an American tradition;

Whereas, for generations, American families have traveled hundreds and even thousands of miles to celebrate the Christmas season together around a live-cut Christmas tree;

Whereas 36 million live-cut Christmas trees are produced each year, and 98 percent of these trees are shipped or sold directly from Christmas tree farms;

Whereas Oregon, North Carolina, Michigan, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, Minnesota, Virginia, California, and Ohio are the top producers of live-cut Christmas trees, but Christmas trees are grown in all 50 States;

Whereas there are more than 21,000 growers of Christmas trees in the United States, and approximately 100,000 people are employed in the live-cut Christmas tree industry;

Whereas many Christmas tree growers grow trees on a part-time basis to supplement their other farm and non-farm income;

Whereas growing Christmas trees provides wildlife habitat;

Whereas, in 2005, Christmas trees were planted on more than a half million acres of land;

Whereas 73 million new Christmas trees will be planted in 2006, and, on average, over 1,500 Christmas trees can be planted per acre; and

Whereas the retail value of all Christmas trees harvested in 2005 was \$1.4 billion: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That Congress recognizes the important contributions of
4 the live-cut Christmas tree industry, Christmas tree grow-
5 ers, and persons employed in the live-cut Christmas tree
6 industry to the United States economy.

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