

## House Resolution 1889

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## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing support for termed and perpetual conservation easements; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, conservation easements provide important wildlife habitats on our nation's  
3 private lands, supporting opportunities for hunters by increasing available habitats for iconic  
4 game species while providing many other environmental benefits; and
- 5 WHEREAS, conservation easements are a completely voluntary, free-market,  
6 incentive-based contract—the terms of which are agreed upon by the landowner—for the  
7 conservation of natural, agricultural, and historical resources on private land; and
- 8 WHEREAS, conservation easements protect private property rights and enable landowners  
9 to monetize the environmental and habitat values of their land; and
- 10 WHEREAS, perpetual easements ensure that conservation values are managed forever while  
11 providing landowners with clearly defined assurances through written easement contracts;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, conservation easements enable agricultural producers to maintain and expand  
14 their operations and pass their land on to their heirs, if they so choose, while benefitting rural  
15 economies by keeping private land in agricultural production; and

16 WHEREAS, conservation easements provide capital that enables landowners to grow or  
17 maintain agricultural operations or reinvest in the landscape.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
19 the members of this body express their support for termed and perpetual conservation  
20 easements as important tools for promoting conservation practices on private lands while  
21 rewarding landowners for their voluntary participation.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
24 public and the press.