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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 06-1022

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOVERY OF LYNX IN COLORADO, AND, IN**
102 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, URGING THE ADOPTION OF A LYNX**
103 **RECOVERY PLAN BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE**
104 **SERVICE.**

1 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Colorado Division of Wildlife initiated
2 a Canada lynx release effort in order to reestablish this native Colorado
3 cat after it had been reduced to extremely small numbers or possibly
4 extirpated altogether; and

5 WHEREAS, As a result of the hard work of, and extensive
6 collaboration among, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, biologists,
7 sportsmen, local communities, conservation organizations, ski area
8 operators, landowners, and others, the effort has so far enjoyed significant
9 success and substantial popularity with Colorado citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, At least 70 adult lynx now inhabit Colorado and the
11 surrounding states, and more than 100 wild lynx kittens have been born,
12 representing the first documented wild lynx reproduction in Colorado in
13 decades; and

14 WHEREAS, Because of steep declines and continued threats to the
15 lynx's survival and recovery, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the
16 lynx throughout its range in the United States as "threatened" under the
17 Endangered Species Act in 2000; and

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HOUSE
Final Reading
May 5, 2006

1 WHEREAS, A formal recovery plan for the lynx by the U.S. Fish
2 and Wildlife Service would clearly identify the specific goals and the
3 steps required to achieve biological recovery of the lynx and its removal
4 from the Endangered Species Act list, including addressing lynx recovery
5 issues related to highway crossings, accidental shootings, trapping, habitat
6 destruction, and other recovery needs; and

7 WHEREAS, Despite its policy of completing recovery plans
8 within two and one-half years of listing a species, the U.S. Fish and
9 Wildlife Service has so far failed to adopt a recovery plan for the lynx
10 that identifies these goals and necessary steps so that everyone involved
11 in Colorado's lynx recovery effort will know exactly what is required for
12 recovery and delisting; now, therefore,

13 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth*
14 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

15 That we, the members of the House of Representatives, urge the
16 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to promptly adopt a formal recovery plan
17 for the Canada lynx that clearly identifies recovery goals and the steps
18 required to achieve recovery of this native Colorado cat.

19 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be
20 transmitted to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to
21 the Secretary of the Interior.