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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1257

Sponsors: Representative Steinburg (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 9, 2014

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO PROTECT THE COROLLA WILD
2 HORSES.

3 Whereas, the Corolla wild horses living along the Outer Banks of Currituck County,
4 North Carolina, are descendants of horses brought to the Americas by Spanish explorers and
5 colonists beginning in the 16th century; and

6 Whereas, the Corolla wild horses are known as Colonial Spanish Mustangs; and

7 Whereas, these Colonial Spanish Mustangs have played a significant role in the
8 history and culture of North Carolina's coastal area for hundreds of years; and

9 Whereas, in 2009, the General Assembly adopted these Colonial Spanish Mustangs
10 as the official horse of the State of North Carolina; and

11 Whereas, the Corolla wild horses freely roam 7,500 acres of public and private land
12 in Currituck County; and

13 Whereas, the Corolla wild horses have been managed through a public-private
14 partnership that includes representatives of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the
15 State of North Carolina, Currituck County, and the Corolla Wild Horse Fund; and

16 Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is insisting that no more than
17 60 horses be allowed in the herd; and

18 Whereas, world-renowned genetic scientists have determined that a herd of at least
19 110 horses, with a target population of 120 to 130 horses is necessary to maintain the genetic
20 viability of the Corolla herd; and

21 Whereas, 110 to 130 horses is well within the carrying capacity of the land the
22 Corolla wild horses roam; and

23 Whereas, the Corolla wild horses are a critical component of the heritage and
24 economy of Currituck County; Now, therefore,

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

26 **SECTION 1.** This body urges Congress to pass legislation to protect the Corolla
27 wild horses so that they can survive as a free-roaming wild herd for future generations to enjoy.

28 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this resolution
29 to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of
30 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore and the Secretary of the United States Senate, and
31 the members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation.

32 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

