



Resolution

By the Honorable Fran Pavley, 23rd Senatorial District;
Relative to Commending the

Mountain Lion Foundation

WHEREAS, On June 5, 1990, the voters of California approved Proposition 117, the California Wildlife Protection Act; the two major provisions of Proposition 117 were to prohibit the sport hunting of the California Mountain Lion and to require that California spend no less than \$30 million annually from the new Habitat Conservation Fund on wildlife habitat protection and related purposes through 2020; and

WHEREAS, Numerous funding sources have contributed to the success of Proposition 117, including subsequent resource bond acts, the Environmental License Plate Fund, the Tobacco Tax Fund, and others; and

WHEREAS, Only projects proposed by public agencies are eligible to be funded by Proposition 117, and in addition, \$30 million is required to be spent annually divided between Northern and Southern California; and

WHEREAS, Special preference is given to land protection projects that allow wildlife populations to move from one area to another through wildlife corridors; and

WHEREAS, Funds from the Habitat Conservation Fund have been contributed to local park districts, the California Wildlife Conservation Board, California State Parks, and several state conservancies, including the Tahoe Conservancy, Coastal Conservancy, and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, The Habitat Conservation Fund has protected more than 2.2 million acres with its investments, including more than 300,000 acres of mountain lion habitat, 337,000 acres of additional wildlife habitat, 267,000 acres of wetland habitat, more than one million acres of fisheries and riparian habitat, and nearly 145,000 acres of hiking trails, corridors, and interpretative programs at state and local parks; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the successful implementation of Proposition 117, California now has the unique status as the state with the largest human population coexisting with the largest number of mountain lions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR FRAN PAVLEY, That she commends the Mountain Lion Foundation and its numerous public partners for the significant contributions they have made to the implementation of Proposition 117, an important conservation effort that has been successful in protecting California's wildlife and its habitat.

Member Resolution No. 3077
Dated this 5th day of June, 2010.

Fran Pavley

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