

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. CON. RES. 108

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the designation of the Gila
Wilderness.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2024

Mr. VASQUEZ submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the designation
of the Gila Wilderness.

Whereas, on 3 June, 1924, the Forest Service set aside
755,000 acres as the Gila Wilderness;

Whereas this was the first designated wilderness in the
United States of America and the world;

Whereas this designation marked the beginning of a national
system of wilderness areas and helped inspire the Wilder-
ness Act of 1964;

Whereas Aldo Leopold, a Forest Service employee in New
Mexico, worked to initiate a Federal wilderness concept
in the back country of the Gila National Forest;

Whereas Arthur Carhart, a Forest Service employee, argued that wilderness recreation would help to develop individual and national character;

Whereas the Apache and Mimbres people have been stewards of this land from time immemorial; and

Whereas these 100 years later, the character of the Gila remains without permanent human-built structures, protected and managed to preserve this condition, and remains a place unrestrained by human development: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring),* That we commemorate the 100th anniversary
- 3 of the designation of the Gila Wilderness.

