

## In Support of Resolution to Protect the Teddy Roosevelt Herd in North Dakota

I understand that SCR 4014 in North Dakota resolves that the Teddy Roosevelt horse herd should be protected and saved. I, like many Americans, idolize Teddy Roosevelt for many reasons and his love of nature is paramount. My husband and I have been talking about coming to North Dakota for years and are getting serious about the plans but now I hear that there is a plan on the table to severely reduce the size of this herd – to round up individuals and sell them off to whatever horrid fate – it makes me wonder if North Dakota will have any intact wilderness left. Removing wild animals (so cattle can be grazed, usually!) is tantamount to raping and pillaging nature itself. These beloved creatures belong to nature and they belong to America. We must HONOR President Roosevelt's heritage, his burning desire to save nature for future generations! We are the future generations but there will be more after us. If we thin this herd to less than about 160 individuals, they are going to inbreed themselves to extinction.

Please respect and preserve the Teddy Roosevelt horses. Please limit or eliminate cattle grazing which steals from our heritage, our right to nature and the horses' right to exist.

Most Americans want our wild horses protected. American who visit North Dakota don't want to visit a barren nature but one alive with horses as our forefathers experienced.

Thank you for hearing my views.

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