

The wild horses of Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) are not just majestic creatures roaming the rugged landscapes of North Dakota; they are a living tribute to Theodore Roosevelt himself, symbolizing his indelible legacy of conservation and the untamed spirit of the American West. By protecting these horses, we honor the park's namesake and his monumental contributions to public land preservation.

However, it is alarming to note that unlike other wild horse herds, the TRNP horses lack federal protection under the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. This oversight leaves them vulnerable, as they can be removed at any time without legal consequence, threatening their very existence within the park that bears Roosevelt's name.

Moreover, these horses are not only a symbol of natural heritage but also a vital asset to North Dakota's economy. They draw thousands of tourists to Medora and the surrounding regions each year. The potential removal of these horses could devastate local businesses and lead to significant job losses, underlining the economic impact of wildlife tourism.

The public's support for protecting these horses is overwhelming. North Dakotans and people across the nation are calling for action. SCR 4006 is a crucial step forward, urging the U.S. Congress to heed this widespread support by enacting federal legislation to safeguard the TRNP wild horses.

We must act now to preserve this irreplaceable part of our national heritage and continue Theodore Roosevelt's vision for our nation's wild spaces and wildlife. Protecting the wild horses of TRNP is not only a tribute to our past but a crucial investment in the future of our natural world.