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**SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF JUNE 20, 2012 AS
AMERICAN EAGLE DAY**

HON. DAVID P. ROE OF TENNESSEE IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012 Mr. ROE of Tennessee.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of designating June 20, 2012 as American Eagle Day and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

On June 20, 1782, the eagle was designated as the national emblem of the U.S. by the Founding Fathers at the Second Continental Congress. The bald eagle is the central image of the Great Seal of the United States and is displayed in the official seal of many branches and departments of the Federal Government.

The bald eagle is an inspiring symbol of the spirit of freedom and the democracy of the United States. Since the founding of the Nation, the image, meaning and symbolism of the eagle have played a significant role in art, music, history, commerce, literature, architecture and culture of the United States.

The bald eagle's habitat only exists in North America.

Over the years, several members of Congress have introduced and passed resolutions in support of the designation of American Eagle Day. My friend and colleague, Senator LAMAR A LEXANDER has introduced the same resolution for this year and I support his efforts. I hope my colleagues will join in celebrating tomorrow, June 20, 2012 as American Eagle Day, which marks the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle.