RECOGNIZING AMERICAN EAGLE DAY  
(from the Congressional Record)

HON. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee in the House of Representatives  
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Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of designating June 20, 2013 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. I hope my  
colleagues will join in celebrating today, June 20, 2013 as American Eagle  
Day, which marks the recovery and restoration of the bald eagle.