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4 By: Senators Boozman, Brown, Hunter, Jeffries, Webb and Wyrick  
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7 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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18 WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated 67 sites in the United States  
19 as "World Heritage Sites" or "Biosphere Reserves", which altogether are about  
20 equal in size to the State of Colorado, the eighth largest state; and  
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22 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution  
23 provides that the United States Congress shall make all needed rules and  
24 regulations governing lands belonging to the United States; and  
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26 WHEREAS, many of the United Nations designations include private  
27 property inholdings and contemplate "buffer zones" of adjacent land; and  
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29 WHEREAS, some international land designations such as those under the  
30 United States Biosphere Reserve Program and the Man and Biosphere Program of  
31 the United Nations Scientific, Educational, and Cultural Organization, operate  
32 under independent national committees, such as the United States National Man  
33 and Biosphere Committee, which have no legislative directives or authorization  
34 from Congress; and  
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36 WHEREAS, these international designations, as presently handled are an

1 open invitation to the international community to interfere in domestic land  
2 use decisions; and

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4 WHEREAS, the local citizens and public officials usually have no say in  
5 the designation of land near their homes for inclusion in an international  
6 land use program; and

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8 WHEREAS, the President and Executive Branch of the United States have,  
9 by Executive Order and other agreements, implemented these designations  
10 without approval by the Congress; and

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12 WHEREAS, actions by the President in applying international agreements  
13 to lands owned by the United States may circumvent Congress; and

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15 WHEREAS, Congressman Don Young has introduced a bill in the 104th  
16 Congress entitled the "American Land Sovereignty Protection Act of 1996",  
17 which required the explicit approval of Congress prior to restricting any use  
18 of United States lands under international agreements.

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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE  
22 OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

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24 THAT the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas reaffirms the  
25 Constitutional Authority of Congress as the elected representatives of the  
26 people, and urges the introduction and passage of the "American Land  
27 Sovereignty Protection Act" by both the House of Representatives and the  
28 Senate as soon as possible during the 105th Congress.

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