

RES 3.024 The Harold Jefferson Coolidge Medal

RECALLING the enormous personal contributions of the many individuals who generously gave of their time and expertise and resources to help establish IUCN in 1948;

THANKFUL for the inspiration provided by the Union's devoted leaders such as John C. Phillips, Peter Scott and Wolfgang E. Burhenne, whose service to IUCN is recalled at each World Conservation Congress;

MINDFUL that throughout IUCN there are other individuals who contribute enormously of their time, expertise and resources, and who draw encouragement to do more through the examples of the Union's earlier leaders;

APPRECIATIVE of the proposal by former IUCN Directors General, Gerardo Budowski, Lee Talbot, and Kenton Miller, that IUCN should commemorate the extraordinary service of the late Harold Jefferson Coolidge by establishing an award in his memory;

GRATEFUL to Harold Coolidge for his leadership as one of the founders of IUCN, as a former president of the Union and its principal fundraiser from 1948 to the 1980s, as architect of IUCN's unique framework of Commissions through which scientists and other experts contribute vastly to the work of IUCN, and as a scientist and conservationist who pioneered in expanding IUCN's programmes into Asia, Africa and the Americas; and

AWARE that colleagues and friends of Harold Coolidge have offered to endow an appropriate IUCN award in his memory;

The World Conservation Congress at its 3rd Session in Bangkok, Thailand, 17–25 November 2004:

1. DECIDES to establish the Harold Jefferson Coolidge Medal, to be conferred upon individuals for outstanding contributions to conservation of nature and natural resources;
2. REQUESTS the Council to establish the criteria for nomination and selection of individuals to be awarded this medal, and that the selection be by a jury, whose members should reflect the geographical and other diversity of IUCN;
3. DECIDES FURTHER that the first Harold Jefferson Coolidge Medal should be conferred at the 4th World Conservation Congress; and
4. DIRECTS the IUCN Director General to undertake all appropriate measures to facilitate the establishment and award of this medal.

State member Sweden abstained from voting on this motion for reasons given in the Swedish Government's general statement on the motions process (see page x).