AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION OF TRANSPORTING BY AIR WITHIN THE NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM ANY ENDANGERED OR THREATENED SPECIES AS A TROPHY.

(a) Prohibition of Taking or Importing Any Trophy.—Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1538) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) Trophies.—It is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States—

“(1) to transport a trophy by air transportation within the national airspace system any species of fish or wildlife listed under section 4; or

“(2) to import into the United States by air transportation any trophy of any species of fish or wildlife listed under section 4.”.

(b) Prohibition of Permits for Trophies.—Section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539(a)) is amended—
(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “The Secretary may permit” and inserting “Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Secretary may permit”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(3)(A) The Secretary may not permit—

“(i) the transport of a trophy by air transportation within the national airspace system any species of fish or wildlife listed under section 4; or

“(ii) importing into the United States any trophy by air transportation of any species of fish or wildlife listed under section 4 and taken after the date of the enactment of the Cecil the Lion Endangered and Threatened Species Act of 2017 of 2015.

“(B) Any person seeking to import such a trophy shall submit to the customs officer concerned at the time of entry of the trophy such documentation as the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, shall by regulation require as being necessary to establish that the trophy was taken before the date of the enactment of the Cecil the Lion Endangered and Threatened Species Act of 2015.”.

(e) ANTIQUES.—Section 10(h)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539(h)(1)) is amended by striking “Sections 4(d), 9(a), and 9(c) do not apply”
and inserting “Sections 4(d), 9(a), 9(c), and 9(h)(2) do not apply”.

(d) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (21) as paragraph (22); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (20) the following:

“(21) The term ‘trophy’ means any fish or wildlife taken for sport or procurement of a souvenir.”.