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Speaker Bedke Honored For Sage Grouse Stewardship

BOISE, Idaho – Governor Brad Little proclaimed today (February 21, 2019) to be Speaker Scott Bedke and Congressman Mike Simpson Sage Grouse Appreciation Day. Bedke and Simpson were honored for years of tireless work to maintain the Idaho bird’s viability and habitat. That work ensured state, not federal, management of the sage grouse.

“Years of work from not just me, but many folks, showed that Idaho can manage its own land and wildlife,” said Speaker Bedke.

The ceremony took place in the Lincoln Auditorium in the Idaho Statehouse. Governor Brad Little read and signed a proclamation declaring, in part, “The Honorable Scott Bedke, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the state of Idaho, and Congressman Simpson have devoted significant time, effort, and resources to leading the state’s efforts to both conserve the species, and promote the welfare of the state’s citizens.”

Big Game Forever President Ryan Benson also presented a statue to Bedke and Simpson, depicting President Theodore Roosevelt, another champion of conservation.

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