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H. RES. 499

Expressing support for the designation of June 26 as “LGBTQ Equality Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DELBENE (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CARSON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CRIST, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. SOTO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. KILMER, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. TITUS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. EVANS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. CASE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. MENG, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. HIMES, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. YARMUTH, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. CHU, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. KAHELE, Ms. BASS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. DEAN, Ms. NEWMAN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. WATERS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. O’HALLERAN, Mr. TONKO, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. TRONE, Mr. STANTON, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KIND, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. WILD, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Mr. KEATING) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of June 26 as
“LGBTQ Equality Day”.

Whereas the United States recognizes that all people should be treated equally;

Whereas Members of the 117th Congress support the rights and freedoms of individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ);

Whereas, on June 26, 2003, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Lawrence v. Texas* that States could no longer criminalize the private conduct in which same-sex couples engage;

Whereas, on June 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *United States v. Windsor* that section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional and the Federal Government could no longer restrict married same-sex couples from receiving Federal benefits and protections;

Whereas, on June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and States could no longer discriminate against same-sex couples when recognizing or licensing a marriage;

Whereas Supreme Court decisions handed down on June 26 ended marriage discrimination and the criminalization of same-sex private intimate conduct under the law;

Whereas LGBTQ people and their allies have worked together for over 60 years to make progress toward achieving full equality for all people in the United States, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;

Whereas LGBTQ people in the United States continue to face many barriers to the American dream that cannot be solved through courtroom litigation alone;

Whereas transgender people and LGBTQ people of color are disproportionately and uniquely burdened by such barriers, including violence, discrimination, poverty, and societal isolation;

Whereas although victories at the Supreme Court have affirmed the dignity and equality of millions of same-sex couples, statutory reforms are needed to ensure LGBTQ people in the United States are free from discrimination and have equal access to the American dream; and

Whereas June 26 would be an appropriate date to designate as “LGBTQ Equality Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports equal rights and protections for all
3 people, regardless of actual or perceived sexual ori-
4 entation or gender identity;

5 (2) supports the designation of “LGBTQ
6 Equality Day”;

7 (3) encourages the celebration of “LGBTQ
8 Equality Day” to commemorate the significance of
9 Supreme Court decisions handed down on June 26
10 in 2003, 2013, and 2015, and to continue educating
11 all people about the forms of discrimination, harass-
12 ment, and intolerance that lesbian, gay, bisexual,
13 and transgender people continue to face; and

1 (4) acknowledges the need for further legisla-
2 tion to ensure people in the United States are free
3 from all forms of discrimination on the basis of ac-
4 tual or perceived sexual orientation or gender iden-
5 tity, including in employment, housing, public ac-
6 commodations, education, Federal funding, credit,
7 and jury service.

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