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Joint Resolution

To designate April 1986, as "Fair Housing Month".

Apr. 24, 1986
[S.J. Res. 303]

Whereas the year 1986 marks the eighteenth anniversary of the passage of title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly referred to as the "Federal Fair Housing Act", declaring a national policy to provide fair housing throughout the United States; 42 USC 3601.

Whereas the Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;

Whereas fairness is the foundation of our way of life and reflects the best of our traditional American values;

Whereas invidious discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and the American people; and

Whereas in this eighteenth year since the passage of the Fair Housing Act, all Americans must work to continue to improve the Fair Housing Act by strengthening enforcement provisions, by extending the protections of the Act to all our citizens, by assuring there are no victims of discriminatory housing practices, and by making the ideal of fair housing a reality: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating April as "Fair Housing Month" and to invite the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved April 24, 1986.

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