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Joint Resolution

To designate the week of February 9, 1986, through February 15, 1986, as "National Humanities Week, 1986".

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Whereas the United States celebrates the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the National Endowment for the Humanities;

Whereas the overriding goal of this small but important Federal agency is the promotion of humanities scholarship and programming;

Whereas the study of the humanities increases the understanding of the great traditions of civilization and of the intellectual heritage of mankind;

Whereas in partnerships with State and local governments, private foundations, and corporations, the National Endowment for the Humanities has, over the past two decades, provided critical leadership and direction for the individuals and institutions seeking to improve our understanding of the humanities; and

Whereas as a Nation we have benefited from the fruits of this humanities programming in a variety of ways, through improvements in humanities education at all levels, through scholarly achievements at the cutting edge of humanities research, and through programming in museums, libraries, television, and radio which fosters a heightened understanding of the humanities across the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to note the importance of the humanities in the lives of all Americans and acknowledge the significant role the National Endowment for the Humanities has played in sustaining and enriching our cultural heritage, the week of February 9, 1986, through February 15, 1986, is designated as "National Humanities Week, 1986", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week, with appropriate conferences, programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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