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99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the year of 1987 as the "National Year of Thanksgiving".

Mar. 25, 1986
[S.J. Res. 254]

Whereas the celebration of a Thanksgiving season has been a national tradition observed by the people of the United States from the days of the early settlers to the present time;

Whereas many of the great leaders of the Nation, including Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, recognized the importance of setting aside a time of Thanksgiving, and Presidential proclamations have established the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving;

Whereas in 1941, Thanksgiving was established as a permanent national holiday;

Whereas in 1987, the United States will celebrate the bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the opening of the one-hundredth Congress;

Whereas the United States Constitution has adapted to changing times and remains a living document;

Whereas it is appropriate to give thanks for the everyday freedom that the people of the United States so often take for granted;

Whereas the people of the United States should take time to appreciate a land of plenty, a Nation of vast human and natural resources; and

Whereas the people of the United States should better understand the history of the rich American heritage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the year 1987 is designated as the "National Year of Thanksgiving", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe such year with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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