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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 106]

To designate June 19, 1987, as "American Gospel Arts Day".

Whereas Gospel music is an American art, a product of the fusion of the African and European cultures;

Whereas Gospel music is the forerunner of popular music in America;

Whereas Gospel music, as an art form, is an important part of our cultural heritage;

Whereas the black American church community, in which Gospel music has its roots, has historically been a source for peaceful social change and a positive influence in all communities;

Whereas it is in the national interest to preserve Gospel music as an American art form, and promote recognition of the Gospel heritage; and

Whereas June 19 is traditionally observed in the black community as a special day of appreciation for black American cultural heritage and civil rights: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That June 19, 1987, is hereby designated "American Gospel Arts Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved June 23, 1987.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 106:

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