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Joint Resolution

June 25, 1987
[H.J. Res. 178]

Designating June 25, 1987, as "National Catfish Day".

Whereas catfish comprised the third highest volume of finned fish consumed in the United States in 1986;
Whereas 99 percent of all catfish consumed in the United States are now farm-raised catfish;
Whereas the farm-raised catfish is not like its bottom-feeding ancestors, but is surface-fed soybean meal, corn, fish meal, vitamins, and minerals in clean freshwater ponds;
Whereas the farm-raised catfish is the product of state-of-the-art methods in aquaculture;
Whereas the production of farm-raised catfish increased by 1200 percent between 1975 and 1985 and is expected to continue to increase in 1987;
Whereas the accompanying growth of the catfish processing industry creates thousands of permanent year-round jobs;
Whereas the cost of producing farm-raised catfish is very stable and averaged only 65 cents per pound over the past eight years;
Whereas catfish is an American delicacy and can be cooked in many delicious ways, and consumption of catfish is growing in popularity; and
Whereas farm-raised catfish are low in cholesterol, are a low-calorie source of protein, and are a nutritious addition to the general diet of the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That June 25, 1987, is designated as "National Catfish Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved June 25, 1987.

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