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Joint Resolution

Sept. 29, 1988
[H.J. Res. 600]

To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the passage of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Whereas the passage of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act on June 25, 1938, was a landmark event in the protection of the public health;

Whereas this Act remains the basic law enforced by the Food and Drug Administration;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration has over the course of the last 50 years established rigorous standards for food and drug safety that have been respected and emulated throughout the world;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration's efforts have helped make America's food supply the world's safest;

Whereas the agency has developed the world's most advanced drug review system—a system which has assured the safety and efficacy of the Nation's pharmaceutical products;

Whereas the advanced scientific approach toward drug review adopted by the Food and Drug Administration has contributed enormously to the betterment of science, medicine, and health of the American people;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration has consistently improved this system to make it responsive to the changing needs of the American people, technology, and the marketplace;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration has diligently protected the American public against products that have been misformulated, misbranded, or adulterated;

Whereas this effort has sustained the American public's high level of confidence in the basic safety of the marketplace over the past 50 years;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration through its regulation of the Nation's blood networks has maintained the basic safety and efficient functioning of America's blood supply;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration has the responsibility for regulation of products representing 25 percent of each consumer dollar spent and has successfully met its tremendous responsibilities even in the face of limited resources; and

Whereas the men and women of the Food and Drug Administration have worked tirelessly, and often at great personal sacrifice, in order to perform their vital service to the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress recognizes as an important anniversary the passage of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this anniversary with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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