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Designating September 13, 1989, as "Uncle Sam Day".

Whereas Samuel Wilson of the City of Troy, New York, is accepted as the progenitor of our national symbol, Uncle Sam;
Whereas Uncle Sam, the embodiment of Samuel Wilson, represents the enterprising, idealistic, and strong spirit that is the backbone of our Nation;
Whereas the symbol of Uncle Sam remains important to the identity of our Nation among freedom-loving people of the world;
Whereas the people of the City of Troy have dedicated themselves to the remembrance of Samuel Wilson and his role in American history;
Whereas the City of Troy marks its 200th anniversary in 1989; and
Whereas September 13 is the birth date of Samuel Wilson: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That September 13, 1989, is designated as "Uncle Sam Day" in honor of Samuel Wilson of the City of Troy, New York on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the City. 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.

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