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To recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914, and its role in establishing our Nation's system of State Cooperative Extension Services.

Whereas the Act of May 8, 1914 (38 Stat. 372), as amended, commonly known as the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, has fostered through the United States Department of Agriculture the development of a system of State Cooperative Extension Services in conjunction with our Nation's land-grant colleges and universities which disseminates and encourages the application of research-generated knowledge and leadership techniques to individuals, families and communities;

Whereas the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 has contributed greatly in assisting American farm families with the efficient production of a reliable supply of food and fiber for consumers in this country and worldwide;

Whereas the Cooperative Extension System has done much to help rural and urban adults and youth help themselves as they have steadily improved their quality of life and leadership ability; and

Whereas the relationship existing between the Federal, State and county extension services has provided for citizen input to research and educational programs of USDA and the land-grant universities for three quarters of a century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the sense of the Congress that the Cooperative Extension System should continue to be supported as an important investment in the Nation's future, and that the seventy-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 should be commemorated on May 8, 1989.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation commemorating the enactment of the Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914, and its role in establishing our Nation's Cooperative Extension System.

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