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[H.J. Res. 253]

Designating September 8, 1989, as "National Pledge of Allegiance Day"

Whereas Francis Bellamy wrote the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in 1892 in observance of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America;

Whereas the Pledge of Allegiance first appeared in print in the September 8, 1892, edition of The Youth's Companion magazine;

Whereas in 1942, the 77th Congress passed, and the President approved, legislation concerning the display and use of the United States flag, which included the Pledge of Allegiance; and

Whereas the Pledge of Allegiance is one of the most widely recited verses of American literature: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY.

September 8, 1989, is designated as "National Pledge of Allegiance Day". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe this day by displaying the United States flag and by participating in other appropriate activities.

SEC. 2. USE OF THE PLEDGE DURING CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS QUINCENTENARY JUBILEE ACTIVITIES.

It is the sense of the Congress that the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, created pursuant to Public Law 98-375 to commemorate the 500th anniversary in 1992 of the discovery of America, should include the centennial observance of the Pledge of Allegiance in its commemorative activities.

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