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Joint Resolution

July 6, 1990
[S.J. Res. 271]

To designate July 10, 1990 as "Wyoming Centennial Day".

Whereas on July 10, 1890, President Benjamin Harrison signed a proclamation admitting Wyoming as the forty-fourth State in the Union.

Whereas Wyoming is known as the Equality forty-fourth State;

Whereas Wyoming was the first State to recognize the rights of women and allow them voting privileges;

Whereas Wyoming appointed the first woman Justice of the Peace, Esther Hobart Morris, whose statue now graces the United States Capitol;

Whereas Wyoming is the home of the first national forest, the Shoshone;

Whereas Wyoming elected the first woman governor, Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross;

Whereas Wyoming, which represents the ideal in outdoor recreation, became the home of our Nation's first national park, Yellowstone National Park, the founding gem and is the site of the magnificent Grand Tetons;

Whereas Wyoming is also the home of America's first national monument, Devils Tower;

Whereas Wyoming is the site of the mother store of J.C. Penney's Department store in Kemmerer, founding a familiar fixture on mainstreets across America;

Whereas renowned inventor Thomas Alva Edison received the inspiration for the invention of the incandescent bulb while fishing and camping in Encampment, Wyoming;

Whereas Wyoming is home to the Nation's largest rodeo, Cheyenne Frontier Days, "the Daddy of them all";

Whereas Wyoming's beautiful mountains, trees, ranches and natural resources are appreciated nationwide;

Whereas on July 10, 1990, the State of Wyoming will see the dawn of a new century: 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 July 10, 1990, is designated "Wyoming Centennial Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation acknowledging the economic, social and historic contributions of the people of Wyoming to the United States of America over the past century.

Approved July 6, 1990.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 271:

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