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[CHAPTER 454]

AN ACT

August 5, 1939
[H. R. 7093]
[Public, No. 290]

To provide for the rank and title of lieutenant general of the Regular Army.

Regular Army.
Lieutenant general, rank and title established.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the major generals of the Regular Army specifically assigned by the Secretary of War to command the four armies of the United States Army shall have the rank and title of lieutenant general while so serving: *Provided*, That major generals, while holding the rank and title of lieutenant general under the foregoing provisions, shall be entitled to receive the pay and allowances of a major general and, in addition, shall be entitled to receive the same personal money allowances as are now, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law for vice admirals of the Navy: *Provided further*, That should an officer, while serving in the rank of lieutenant general be retired from active service, he shall be retired with the lineal rank and the retired pay to which he would be entitled had he not been serving in the rank of lieutenant general, the provisions of section 1254, Revised Statutes (10 U. S. C. 1025), to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provisos.
Pay and allowances.

Rank, etc., on retirement.

R. S. § 1254.
10 U. S. C. § 1025.

Approved, August 5, 1939.

[CHAPTER 455]

JOINT RESOLUTION

August 5, 1939
[S. J. Res. 176]
[Pub. Res., No. 37]

Providing for participation by the United States in the celebration to be held at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1939, in celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner.

"Star-Spangled Banner."
Federal participation in 125th anniversary celebration of writing.
Commission established.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of providing for participation by the United States in the celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, there is hereby established a commission to be composed of the President of the United States, of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the United States Senators from the State of Maryland, three Senators to be appointed by the President of the Senate, the Members of the House of Representatives from the State of Maryland, three Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor of Maryland, the mayor of the city of Baltimore, and three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States. It shall be the duty of such commission to formulate and carry out plans for participation by the United States in the celebration to be held at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1939, in commemoration of such anniversary. The members of such commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Duties.

Service without compensation; chairman.

Expenditures authorized.

SEC. 2. The commission is authorized to make such expenditures for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the first section of this joint resolution as it may deem advisable. Expenditures of the commission shall be paid upon the presentation of vouchers approved by the chairman of the commission.

Appropriation authorized.
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SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $5,000 to be expended by the commission for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the first section of this joint resolution.

Invitations to foreign governments.

SEC. 4. The President is authorized to extend invitations to foreign governments to be represented by their accredited diplomatic agents at the celebration to be held at Fort McHenry on September 14, 1939, in commemoration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary