## Public Law 87-291

### JOINT RESOLUTION

September 22, 1961
[H. J. Res. 109]

Designating the 17th day of December 1961 as "Wright Brothers Day".

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the 17th day of December 1961 is hereby designated as "Wright Brothers Day", in commemoration of the first successful flights in a heavier-than-air, mechanically propelled airplane, which were made by Orville and Wilbur Wright on December 17, 1903, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Wright Brothers Day.

Proclamation authorization.

Approved September 22, 1961.

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Authorizing a celebration of the American patent system.

Whereas there occurred on July 4, 1961, the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Patent Act of 1836 which created the present examination system for the grant of patents and which established the United States Patent Office as a separate and distinct bureau; and

5 Stat. 117.

Whereas there will be granted in the year 1961 the three millionth patent since the enactment of this Patent Act; and

Whereas the patent grant is a traditional incentive for the promotion of the progress of the useful arts thereby contributing notably to the well-being of people everywhere; and

Whereas encouragement of invention is essential to the continued economic and technological development of this Nation, particularly in the light of our international relationships and obligations; and

Whereas it is fitting that this anniversary of this important Patent Act and the establishment of the Patent Office which proved so advantageous to this country and to the other countries of the world should be observed: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of Commerce and the Commissioner of Patents and such other persons or groups as they may designate be authorized to make suitable arrangements for an appropriate observance to show the important role of the American patent system and the United States Patent Office in the growth and progress of the United States of America; and be it further

The American Patent System Week.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to designate the week of October 15, 1961, as "The American Patent System Week", to invite a general public commemoration of an event which has proved to be so important to this Nation and to the world.

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