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Joint Resolution

Nov. 2, 1979
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Designating November 4, 1979, as "Will Rogers Day".

Whereas Will Rogers, in a lifetime of wise and humorous commentary on events in this Nation and throughout the world, made a tremendous contribution to human betterment through his gentle yet penetrating wisdom;

Whereas from Cherokee Indian and European ancestry, born on an Indian territory farm, he was a true product of the frontier civilization of our Great Plains as well as its unique combination in Oklahoma;

Whereas he became world famous as rodeo performer, Broadway entertainer, movie and radio star, and above all as daily columnist for some three hundred and fifty newspapers throughout the United States;

Whereas he became Oklahoma's best known native son and the most celebrated private citizen of the United States in his lifetime;

Whereas Will Rogers possessed the priceless gift of being able to judge people and events both kindly and keenly, personifying affection for his fellow man;

Whereas he improved the standard of public life throughout America by his witty and constructive commentary, making this a better place in which to live; and

Whereas the approaching one hundredth anniversary of his birth is a fitting occasion to dedicate ourselves to a rebirth of the goodwill and public spirit he exemplified: Now, therefore, be it

Will Rogers Day. Designation authorization.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate November 4, 1979, as "Will Rogers Day" in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of William Penn Adair Rogers, noted American philosopher-humorist.

Approved November 2, 1979.

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