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Joint Resolution

Apr. 8, 1980
[S.J. Res. 131]

Designating April 10, 1980, as "ORT Centennial Day".

Whereas the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training (ORT) has historically been the earliest pioneer in the use of systematic vocational and technical training as a strategy to banish deprivation and economic backwardness; and

Whereas the ORT has provided productive channels for human advancement through the acquisition of skills for livelihood at times and places where such programs were nonexistent; and

Whereas the ORT has assisted almost two million people in more than forty countries on five continents, thereby becoming the biggest nongovernmental voluntary program of vocational and job training in the world; and

Whereas the ORT has become part of the array of ongoing services that are essential to communities, as evidenced by the rapid development of technical training programs and educational institutions in many countries, including Argentina, Iran, Peru, and India, and by the continuing enrichment of the quality of educational services throughout Latin America; and

Whereas the ORT has provided assistance needed for the assimilation of hundreds of thousands of north African Jews by the French community, and for the migration and resettlement process of Soviet Jewish refugees; and

Whereas the ORT has been the means for the development of Israel's human resources and has provided the training for a major portion of Israel's skilled labor force: Now, therefore, be it

ORT Centennial Day.
Designation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 10, 1980, is designated as "ORT Centennial Day"; and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to salute the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training on its one-hundredth anniversary in recognition of its accomplishments.

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