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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 267]

To provide for designation of Friday, March 7, 1980, as "Teacher Day, United States of America".

Whereas teachers, through education of the young, provide both the foundation of modern civilization and the means for enhancing the lives of all members of society; and

Whereas the personal inspiration and enrichment which students receive from their teachers extend far beyond the few years spent in the classroom to exert a valuable lifelong influence on the young people of this Nation, and through them, on all of our citizens; and

Whereas teachers richly deserve individual recognition, honor, and encouragement for their dedication and excellence in the pursuit of their profession; and such recognition, honor, and encouragement should be bestowed each year on a nationwide basis; and

Whereas students, parents, school administrators, and all other citizens of the United States should be encouraged to personally communicate by word and deed to their present and former teachers, the special appreciation and recognition that teachers so richly deserve: Now, therefore, be it

Teacher Day, United States of America. Designation authorization.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation designating Friday, March 7, 1980, as "Teacher Day, United States of America", and inviting the people of the United States to observe the period with appropriate activities.

Approved March 5, 1980.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

SENATE REPORT No. 96-576 accompanying S.J. Res. 135 (Comm. on the Judiciary).
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Feb. 25, considered and passed House.
Feb. 26, S.J. Res. 135 considered and passed Senate.
Feb. 27, Senate vitiated passage of S.J. Res. 135; H.J. Res. 267 passed in lieu.

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