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## Joint Resolution

Apr. 12, 1982
[H.J. Res. 410]

To designate April 19, 1982, as "Dutch-American Friendship Day".

Whereas on April 19, 1782, in The Hague, the Netherlands, Prince William V of Orange and the States-General officially recognized the ambassadorial credentials of John Adams, thereby establishing formal diplomatic relations between the new government of the United States and the Netherlands;

Whereas the diplomatic relationship between the United States and the Netherlands is the longest such relationship between the United States and any foreign country;

Whereas the historical relationship between the American and Dutch peoples began approximately four hundred years ago, when the Pilgrims resided in the Netherlands for ten years before sailing to the New World;

Whereas Americans of Dutch descent, including Presidents Martin Van Buren, Theodore Roosevelt, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt, have made significant contributions to the United States; and

Whereas the bond of friendship between the American and Dutch peoples serves as a model for the good relations that should exist among all peoples of the world: Now, therefore, be it

Dutch-American Friendship Day.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That April 19, 1982, hereby is designated "Dutch-American Friendship Day", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved April 12, 1982.

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