Public Law 98-387
98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate January 27, 1985, as "National Jerome Kern Day".

Aug. 21, 1984
[H.J. Res. 583]

Whereas Jerome D. Kern is considered "The Father of the American Musical Theater";

Whereas Jerome Kern composed over 1,000 songs and 108 complete theatrical scores, including the renowned favorites "Lovely to Look At", "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", "All the Things You Are", "Look for the Silver Lining", and his most popular score, "Showboat";

Whereas Jerome Kern was the honored recipient of two Academy Awards during his lifetime for his works "The Way You Look Tonight" and "The Last Time I Saw Paris";

Whereas the works of Jerome Kern have not only enriched the lives of countless Americans, but are enjoyed to this day by millions of people throughout the world;

Whereas January 27, 1985, marks the 100th anniversary of Jerome Kern's birth; and

Whereas the music industry is planning a year-long tribute to Jerome Kern's Centenary: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That January 27, 1985, is designated "National Jerome Kern Day", and the President 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 August 21, 1984.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 583 (S.J. Res. 287):

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