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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 59]

To authorize and request the President to designate February 27, 1986, as "Hugo LaFayette Black Day".

Whereas Hugo LaFayette Black's reverence for the Constitution of the United States and the freedoms it guarantees led him to a career of dedicated public service in the State of Alabama, the United States Senate, and the United States Supreme Court, spanning over fifty years;

Whereas Hugo LaFayette Black's courageous leadership, devotion to wisdom and scholarship, and dedication to the cause of justice brought meaning to the concept of democracy and has had a far-reaching influence on the development of American jurisprudence;

Whereas Hugo LaFayette Black stood firm and unwavering in protecting and defending our cherished constitutional rights and freedoms, and contributed greatly to the strength and vitality of our Nation;

Whereas future generations will continue to benefit from Hugo LaFayette Black's devotion to the common good and sense of compassion for all;

Whereas February 27, 1986, is the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Hugo LaFayette Black; and

Whereas it is fitting and proper to honor Hugo LaFayette Black as a defender of freedom, a patriot, and a dedicated public servant: Now, therefore, be it

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 issue a proclamation designating February 27, 1986, as "Hugo LaFayette Black Day", and calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 3, 1984.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 59:

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