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Joint Resolution

July 9, 1984
[S.J. Res. 278]

To commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Whereas legislation was enacted on June 27, 1884, to establish a bureau to "collect information upon the subject of labor, its relation to capital, the hours of labor, and the earnings of laboring men and women, and the means of promoting their material, social, intellectual, and moral prosperity";

Whereas the Bureau of Labor Statistics has completed a century of service to government, business, labor, and the public by producing indispensable data and special studies on prices, employment and unemployment, productivity, wages and other compensation, economic growth, industrial relations, and occupational safety and health;

Whereas many public programs and private transactions are dependent today on the quality of such Bureau statistics as the unemployment rate and the Consumer Price Index which play essential roles in the allocation of Federal funds and the adjustment of pensions, welfare payments, private contracts, and other payments to offset the impact of inflation;

Whereas the Bureau pursues these responsibilities with absolute integrity and has a reputation for being unfailingly responsive to the need for new types of information and indexes of change;

Whereas the Bureau has earned an international reputation as a leader in economic and social statistics;

Whereas the Bureau meets the public need for timely and accurate information by publishing data in the most appropriate printed form, including press releases, periodicals, bulletins, and special reports, and by making data available through microfiche and new electronic services;

Whereas the Bureau has pioneered in the development of computer applications to data gathering and statistical analyses; and

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Whereas the Bureau has established the highest standards of professional competence and commitment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That special recognition and commendation be given on the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the century of exemplary service provided by the administrators and employees of the Bureau in collecting and disseminating vital information to the Nation.

Approved July 9, 1984.

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