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Joint Resolution

July 17, 1985
[H.J. Res. 325]

To designate July 13, 1985, as "Live Aid Day".

Whereas the lives of thirteen million Africans are currently in dire jeopardy and massive financial assistance is needed this year to quell the African famine and to save the lives of such people;

Whereas, on July 13, 1985, in both Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and London, England, performers from all over the world will gather to broadcast the "Live Aid" benefit concert sponsored by the "Live Aid" organization to aid in the relief of this famine;

Whereas Live Aid provides a way to continue to meet such goal through unity and cooperation of concerned and caring performers, leaders, private voluntary organizations, corporations, Government agencies, and citizens of the United States in partnership with people from around the world;

Whereas the Live Aid broadcast will unite more than one billion people in learning about the hunger problems of the world and how each individual can take action to make a difference in moving from relief for Africans to recovery, and finally to self-reliance; and

Whereas the magnitude of human suffering in Africa is so enormous as to demand the most profound and immediate response possible: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 13, 1985, is designated as "Live Aid 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 programs and activities.

Approved July 17, 1985.

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