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99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to designate September 21, 1986, as "Ethnic American Day".

Dec. 23, 1985
[S.J. Res. 32]

Whereas the United States of America is a haven for victims of religious and political persecution and for those who seek freedom and opportunity;

Whereas the United States of America has welcomed oppressed and deprived persons and granted them refuge and citizenship;

Whereas ethnic Americans love the United States of America and have shed their blood in defense of America and its freedoms;

Whereas ethnic Americans have made outstanding contributions in the fields of agriculture, labor, arts, science, medicine, business, and government, and to the quality of life in these United States; and

Whereas designation of an "Ethnic American Day" would contribute to a greater appreciation of the rich ethnic heritage of this Nation and to the unity of all its people: 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 designate September 21, 1986, as "Ethnic American Day" and to call upon the people of the United States to acknowledge and advance mutual understanding and friendship among all Americans regardless of their ethnicity.

Approved December 23, 1985.

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