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Joint Resolution

Recognizing the accomplishments over the past 50 years resulting from the passage of the Historic Sites Act of 1935, one of this Nation's landmark preservation laws.

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Whereas the Act popularly known as the Historic Sites Act, enacted in 1935, for the first time stated that the national policy on historic preservation is "to preserve for public use historic sites, buildings and objects of national significance for the inspiration and benefit of the people of the United States";

16 USC 461-467.

Whereas the Historic Sites Act gave rise to a national Historic Sites Survey, which identified hundreds of sites that are important to understanding and commemorating the history of the United States;

Whereas based on the results of that nationwide survey and continuing investigations of historical properties, the National Historic Landmarks Program and the National Register of Historic Places were begun to identify sites of National, State, and local historical significance;

Whereas the Act fostered the documentation of unique examples of American architecture and engineering by the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Historic American Engineering Record; and

Whereas it would be appropriate and in the public interest to mark the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Historic Sites Act and the preservation of our National heritage that continues as a result of that landmark legislation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the preservation of historic American sites, buildings, objects, and antiquities of national significance, and for other purposes" (approved August 21, 1935; 49 Stat. 666) is hereby recognized for its substantial contributions over the past 50 years to the identification and protection of the Nation's cultural heritage.

Cultural programs.

16 USC 461-467.

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