

Public Law 99-54
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Joint Resolution

To recognize the pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day activities.

June 20, 1985

[H.J. Res. 211]

Whereas by Act of the Congress of the United States, dated June 14, 1777, the first official flag of the United States was adopted; and Whereas by Act of Congress, dated August 3, 1949, June 14 of each year was designated "National Flag Day" and the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association in Baltimore, Maryland, has been the official sponsor since 1952 of National Flag Day for the United States; and

Whereas on June 14, 1980, the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association developed a national campaign to encourage all Americans to pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day ceremonies; and

Whereas this concept has caught the imagination of Americans everywhere, and has received wide citizen support and recognition, and there has now been created the National Flag Day Foundation, Incorporated, to plan the Nation's Flag Day ceremonies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress of the United States recognizes the pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the celebration of National Flag Day throughout the Nation, and urges all Americans to participate on that day by reciting in unison the Pledge of Allegiance to our Nation's Flag, at seven o'clock post meridian eastern daylight time on June 14, 1985.

SEC. 2. The Congress shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the National Flag Day Foundation, Incorporated, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Approved June 20, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 211:

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