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H. RES. 487

Relating to the emancipation of African slaves in the Danish West Indies,
now the United States Virgin Islands.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 1998

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN (for herself, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FROST, and Mr. DIXON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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West Indies, now the United States Virgin Islands.

Whereas the annual observance of Emancipation Day on July
3 and National Independence Day on July 4 serves to
connect Virgin Islanders and all Americans to their past
and to reinforce their unwavering commitment to pre-
serve, protect, and defend human rights and freedom:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the emancipation of African slaves in
3 what is now the United States Virgin Islands is part of

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- 1 the process of extending civil rights to all individuals in
- 2 what is now the United States.

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