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Designating the month of June 1997, the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan, as George C. Marshall month, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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of the Marshall Plan, as George C. Marshall month,
and for other purposes.

Whereas 1997 marks the fiftieth year since the European Recovery Program, or what came to be called the Marshall Plan, was first conceived and proclaimed by General George Catlett Marshall while he was serving as Secretary of State of the United States;

Whereas the Marshall Plan has been hailed by leaders of World War II allied and enemy countries alike as the most magnanimous act by Americans in history;

Whereas the Marshall Plan made possible new measures of trans-Atlantic cooperation through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other institutions;

Whereas these institutional developments have profoundly enhanced the security, freedom, and prosperity of the United States and the Atlantic Community generally;

Whereas new challenges have arisen which call for recommitment to and reinvigoration of these institutions and for their continued viability;

Whereas creative thought and rededication to the ideals and principles undergirding the Marshall Plan are now necessary in order to assure the preservation and perfection of these institutions; and

Whereas the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan provides a fitting opportunity for rededication of commitments to these institutions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That—

4 (1) Congress acknowledges the magnanimity
 5 underlying the Marshall Plan, the dedication to public
 6 service and integrity of its author, and the efforts
 7 by the Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia,
 8 the Marshall International Center in Leesburg, Virginia,
 9 and the Friends of Marshall, Uniontown,
 10 Pennsylvania, to continue in American life the values
 11 for which General George Catlett Marshall stood;

12 (2) Congress calls upon all Americans to rededicate
 13 themselves to the ideals of public service, hard

1 work, integrity, and compassion which General Mar-
2 shall represents to this day in American society; and

3 (3) Congress believes the values that inspired
4 the initiation of the Marshall Plan should continue
5 to be cherished by the people of the United States.

6 SEC. 2. (a) The month of June 1997 is designated
7 as “George C. Marshall Month”.

8 (b) The President is authorized and requested to
9 issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United
10 States to observe George C. Marshall Month with appro-
11 priate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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