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H. RES. 245

Expressing support for designation of April 23 as “Barbara Johns Day” to highlight the important role Ms. Barbara Rose Johns (Powell) played in the Civil Rights Movement, in *Brown v. Board of Education* and the desegregation of schools, and her role in the history of the United States and the lives of United States citizens.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2017

Mr. GARRETT (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BRAT, and Mr. TAYLOR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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Whereas on April 23, 1951, at the age of 16, Johns led a student strike for equal education at R.R. Moton High School in Prince Edward, Virginia;

Whereas after securing legal support from the NAACP, these Moton students filed suit in *Davis v. Prince Edward County*, the largest and only student initiated case con-

solidated into *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark 1954 United States Supreme Court decision declaring segregation and the “separate but equal” principle in public schools to be unconstitutional; and

Whereas April 23 would be an appropriate date to designate as “Barbara Johns Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Barbara Johns
3 Day” to highlight the important role Ms. Johns
4 played in the lives of United States citizens;

5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
6 mation calling upon the people of the United States
7 to observe “Barbara Johns Day” with appropriate
8 ceremonies and activities; and

9 (3) encourages the people of the United States
10 to consider the role and impact of Ms. Johns in the
11 Civil Rights Movement and the role students have
12 had in American history.

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