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H. J. RES. 14

Amending title 36, United States Code, to direct the President to issue
an annual proclamation establishing Democracy Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 10, 2023

Mr. PHILLIPS (for himself, Mr. CROW, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. TITUS, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LIEU, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. COSTA, Mr. NEGUSE, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) submitted the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on January 6, 2021, insurrectionists carried out a violent attack against the United States Capitol in a failed attempt to disrupt and harm lawmakers certifying the outcome of the 2020 Presidential election;

Whereas the assault on the United States Capitol resulted in multiple deaths and physical harm to over 140 members of law enforcement;

Whereas the tremendous bravery displayed by law enforcement officers helped ensure the successful and democratic transition of presidential power;

Whereas the transition of presidential power has remained an unbroken tradition for more than 220 years and is a hallmark of American democracy;

Whereas democracy is fragile and requires eternal vigilance to maintain it; and

Whereas January 6 would be an appropriate day to designate as Democracy Day: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF DEMOCRACY DAY.**

4 Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 148. DEMOCRACY DAY.**

7 “The President shall issue each year a proclama-
8 tion—

9 “(1) designating a day as Democracy Day;

10 “(2) calling on State and local governments and
11 the people of the United States to observe Democ-
12 racy Day with appropriate programs and activities;
13 and

14 “(3) urging civil and educational authorities of
15 States, counties, cities, and towns to observe Democ-
16 racy Day through appropriate programs and activi-
17 ties.”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

2 The table of contents for chapter 1 of title 36, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new item:

“148. Democracy Day.”.

