

Public Law 89-124

August 13, 1965
[S. J. Res. 56]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to proclaim the occasion of the bicentennial celebration of the birth of James Smithson.

Whereas James Smithson, of London, England, by his last will and testament gave the whole of his property to the United States of America, to found at Washington, under the name of the "Smithsonian Institution", an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men; and

Whereas the United States by Acts of Congress received that property and accepted such trust; and

20 USC 41 et
seq.

Whereas the United States, for the faithful execution of such trust, by an Act of Congress approved August 10, 1846, formed an establishment, consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Chief Justice, and the heads of executive departments, by the name of the Smithsonian Institution for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men; and

Whereas the Smithsonian Institution, in carrying out the provisions of the mandate placed upon it, has striven to serve as the cutting edge of original research in advancing the frontiers of knowledge beyond the limits of the practical, the profitable, and the obvious; and

Whereas James Smithson, in setting forth the ideal of the "increase and diffusion of knowledge among men", ignored considerations of nationality, private interest, and narrow scholarly specialization; and

Whereas any institution dedicated to an ideal must constantly remember and rededicate itself to that ideal; and

Whereas the Board of Regents and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of James Smithson have invited prominent scholars, scientists, and representatives of universities, museums, and learned societies of the world to Washington, District of Columbia, on September 17 and 18, 1965, for a program consisting of addresses, papers, and discussions concerning the broad problems of man and his relationship to his environment: Now, therefore, be it

James Smithson,
Bicentennial
celebration.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, as the presiding officer of the Smithsonian Institution, is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation to announce the occasion of the celebration of the bicentennial of the birth of James Smithson and to designate and set aside September 17 and 18, 1965, as special days to honor the memory of James Smithson and the accomplishments of the Institution which bears his name.

Approved August 13, 1965.

Public Law 89-125

August 13, 1965
[H. R. 4714]

AN ACT

To amend the National Arts and Cultural Development Act of 1964 with respect to the authorization of appropriations therein.

78 Stat. 907.
20 USC 789.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 10 of the National Arts and Cultural Development Act of 1964 is amended by inserting "per annum" after "\$150,000".

Approved August 13, 1965.