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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McDOWELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Whereas June 14 is the anniversary of the adoption by the Continental Congress, June 14, 1777, of the Stars and Stripes as the emblem of the United States, and with that date began the history of our flag as a symbol of our nationality; and

Whereas the American Flag Day Association, which for nearly fifty years has led the observance of Flag Day as a patriotic duty and their affiliated civic, educational, patriotic, fraternal, religious, and other cooperating organizations which also annually observe Flag Day, have by their example, shown the Nation at large the influence for good which such observance may exert; and

Whereas the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1937 set an example by making June 14, Flag Day, a legal holiday, thus showing the patriotic sentiments of its citizens; and

Whereas, by such patriotic celebrations our pride in American citizenship may be emphasized, our faith in and devotion to American institutions strengthened, a stronger love of country shown, our patriotism rekindled, and also to perpetuate this observance: Therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Congress of the United States urge
2 Governors of States and executives of municipalities to issue
3 proclamations and request their citizens to observe Flag Day,
4 June 14, as the anniversary birthday of Old Glory and
5 that decorations in our national colors be made, and wherever
6 possible in every community the American flag be displayed
7 and worn as a badge of honor, and distinction; that in
8 schools and colleges and universities there be special patriotic
9 exercises, and societies, clubs, and other organizations have
10 suitable programs, and also on the Sunday nearest June 14,
11 in all places of worship, public recognition be made; that
12 we then give expression to our thoughtful love of America,
13 our determination to make it greater with each generation
14 by loyal service and loyal living; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That attention is called to the fact that Presi-
16 dent Woodrow Wilson in 1915 strongly urged the Nation
17 that it accept and officially adopt the 14th of June to be
18 observed as Flag Day.