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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas on the 14th day of June 1777 the Continental Congress adopted a resolution, creating the flag of the United States, in the following terms:

*“Resolved, That the Flag of the (thirteen) United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation”;*  
and

Whereas, on recurrent anniversaries of the natal day of the National Emblem, through the years since its creation—on its one-hundredth anniversary; on its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary, when President Calvin Coolidge issued a public statement June 7, 1927, to his “Fellow Americans” requesting the observance of Flag Day—appropriate commemorative exercises befitting the importance and sacredness of the occasion have been observed by the Government of the

United States, the American Flag Day Association, and numerous other patriotic organizations, associations, and societies; and

Whereas, by proclamation issued May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson gave official recognition to Flag Day when he requested "that throughout the Nation, and if possible in every community, the 14th day of June be observed as Flag Day with special patriotic exercises": Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring)*, That in the year 1939, and in every year  
3 thereafter, the 14th day of June officially shall be declared  
4 "National Flag Day" within the District of Columbia and  
5 the Territories of the United States; and that the President  
6 of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to issue  
7 a proclamation, with each recurring anniversary, proclaiming  
8 National Flag Day and calling upon all Americans, whether  
9 resident in the mainland or in the insular possessions of the  
10 United States, to observe National Flag Day by displaying  
11 the Stars and Stripes in public places and upon public and  
12 private buildings and by patriotic exercises in our schools  
13 and community centers throughout the Nation, thereby giving  
14 public expression of faith in and fealty to America and  
15 allegiance to our National Ensign, symbol of the glory and  
16 achievement of a free, united, and independent people.