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H. CON. RES. 12

Supporting the designation of the week of September 11 to September 17
as “Patriot Week”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BISHOP of Michigan (for himself, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. TROTT, and Mr. MITCHELL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of the week of September 11
to September 17 as “Patriot Week”.

Whereas Congress recognizes that understanding United States history and the Nation’s first principles are indispensable to the survival of our republic as a free people;

Whereas in great reverence to the victims of the September 11, 2001, attacks, Congress acknowledges that United States citizens should take time to honor the first principles, founders, documents, and symbols of their history;

Whereas the events that led to the signing of the Constitution of the United States by the delegates of the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every United States citizen and are honored in

public schools across the Nation on September 17 of each year as Constitution Day;

Whereas the revolution, the rule of law, social compact, equality, unalienable rights, and limited government are the first principles upon which the Nation was founded and flourishes;

Whereas exceptional, visionary, and indispensable Americans such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded or advanced the United States;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence, Marbury v. Madison, the resolution of Congress of September 28, 1787, submitting the Constitution to the several States, the Seneca Falls Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions, the 19th amendment to the United States Constitution, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, the “I Have a Dream” speech, the Bill of Rights, the original unamended Constitution, and the 9th and 10th amendments to the United States Constitution are key documents that embody the first principles and have advanced United States liberty; and

Whereas the Bennington ('76) Flag, the Betsy Ross Flag, the current United States Flag, the Suffragist Flag, the Union (Fort Sumter) Flag, the Gadsden Flag, and the flags of the several States are fundamental physical symbols of United States history and freedom that should be studied and remembered by each citizen: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3 (1) supports the designation of “Patriot Week”;

4 (2) recognizes that each generation ought to
5 renew the spirit of the Nation based on the first
6 principles, historical figures, founding documents,
7 and symbols of the United States; and

8 (3) encourages citizens, schools and other edu-
9 cational institutions, and Federal, State, and local
10 governments and their agencies, to recognize and
11 participate in “Patriot Week” by honoring and cele-
12 brating so that all may offer the reverence that is
13 due to the free republic.

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