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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 137]

Designating the month of May, 1989, as "National Asparagus Month".

Whereas the genus asparagus, a member of the lily family, originated along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea and on its many islands;

Whereas asparagus was considered a culinary delicacy and used for medicinal purposes by the ancient Greeks and Romans;

Whereas asparagus has been grown in America since the 1600's for its nutritional and decorative value in floral arrangements;

Whereas two hundred and twenty-three million pounds of asparagus was grown in the United States comprising a total value of approximately \$137,000,000 in 1986; and

Whereas the delectable vegetable is low in calories and fat, and contains large amounts of calcium and phosphorus as well as vitamins A, C, and B, all important components of a well balanced diet: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the month of May, 1989, is designated as "National Asparagus Month". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 9, 1988.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 137:

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May 5, considered and passed House.

Oct. 21, considered and passed Senate, amended. House concurred in Senate amendments.