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Joint Resolution

Designating November 17, 1989, as "National Philanthropy Day".

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Whereas there are more than 800,000 nonprofit philanthropic organizations in the United States;
Whereas such organizations employ more than 10,000,000 individuals, including 4,500,000 volunteers;
Whereas the people of the United States contributed approximately $94,000,000,000 in 1987 to support such organizations;
Whereas philanthropic organizations are responsible for enhancing the quality of life of people throughout this Nation and the world;
Whereas the people of this Nation owe a great debt to the schools, churches, museums, art and music centers, youth groups, hospitals, research institutions, and community service organizations, and to the institutions and organizations which aid and comfort disadvantaged, sick or elderly individuals; and
Whereas the people of the United States should demonstrate gratitude and support for philanthropic organizations and for the efforts, skills and resources of individuals who carry out the missions of such organizations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 17, 1989, is designated as "National Philanthropy Day" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.


LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 86:

Sept. 21, considered and passed Senate.
Oct. 24, considered and passed House.