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H. J. RES. 113

Designating November 21, 1993, through November 27, 1993, as "Christian Heritage Week".

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas we each have been richly blessed by the Almighty whose divine providence our founding fathers sought as they established these United States of America as a free and independent Nation;

Whereas George Washington, the acknowledged father of our country, has been documented as having said: "...we ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a Nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.";

Whereas our Christian heritage is recognized in the writings and accomplishments of such individuals as William Bradford, John and Abigail Adams, James Madison, Patrick Henry, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Harry S Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and countless others, and in the constitutions of the several sovereign States, and innumerable public documents and utterances;

Whereas the religious faith and traditions of our people are often reflected in the prayers offered preceding each day's opening of Congress, from its inception unto this day;

Whereas the contributions of our Christian heritage to the institutions, values and vision of our Nation is immeasurable;

Whereas our Christian heritage is further reflected by our people and our leaders, past and present, in our individual and collective efforts as a Nation of peacekeepers and peacemakers to provide for other peoples, both in America and abroad, by providing humanitarian assistance to our fellow men, women and children; and

Whereas it is entirely appropriate to recognize the Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving for God's Providence as a special time and reason for acknowledging our Christian heritage: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That November 21, 1993, through November 27, 1993,
- 4 is designated as "Christian Heritage Week", and the
- 5 President is authorized and requested to issue a proclama-

1 tion calling upon the people of the United States, the de-
2 partments and agencies of State and local governments,
3 and all interested organizations to observe such week with
4 appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

