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H. J. RES. 233

Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem of
the United States.

Whereas the oak has more than 300 species native to North
America;

Whereas the oak is grown today in every State;

Whereas the oak represents durability and longevity;

Whereas the fruit of the oak, the acorn, was used as food by
early Native Americans;

Whereas in a poll conducted by the International Society of
Aboriculture, the oak was selected by a majority of people
as the tree that symbolizes the United States;

Whereas the oak is renowned in art, music, and literature;
and

Whereas it is fitting and proper that the United States have
a national arboreal emblem: 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 the tree commonly known as the oak is designated
4 as the national arboreal emblem of the United States, and
5 the President is authorized and requested to issue a proc-
6 lamation announcing that the oak is the national arboreal
7 emblem.

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