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H. J. RES. 318

To designate the month of April 1994 as “Civil War History Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 1994

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Month”.

Whereas the period of American history known as the “Civil
War” is universally recognized as one of the most signifi-
cant landmark eras in our Nation’s heritage;

Whereas the continuous growth of the public’s awareness of
and interest in the Civil War period remains an integral
part of America’s cultural heritage;

Whereas the study, preservation, and interpretation of lit-
erature and sites associated with this period are
imbedded in the educational and cultural heritage of our
country;

Whereas the beginning of the Civil War occurred in April of 1861 with the firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, and the effective ending of the Civil War occurred in April of 1865 with the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, Virginia, making April the most important month of the year in Civil War history; and

Whereas the heritage of the Civil War deserves the attention and respect of all individuals in the United States: 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 April of 1994 is designated as “Civil War History
4 Month”, and the President is authorized and requested
5 to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the
6 United States to observe the month with appropriate cere-
7 monies and activities.

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