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H. J. RES. 347

To designate July 23, 1994, as “General Bernardo de Galvez Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 24, 1994

Mrs. FOWLER (for herself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas few Americans have an appreciation of Spain’s role and that of Spanish citizens in the American War of Independence;

Whereas some of the missing pages of history of that fight for freedom and independence have revealed the significant contributions of Spain, and General Bernardo de Galvez in particular, to American history;

Whereas there are strategically important accounts of General de Galvez who, having been appointed Governor of the Louisiana Territory in 1777, sought to provide aid

and comfort to American freedom fighters with cattle, money, munitions, uniforms, and other material;

Whereas General de Galvez, the youngest governor of the Spanish colonies, personally led troops against the British, driving them out of the Louisiana Territory and the Gulf of Mexico, assuring their surrender, and ultimately helping to secure Washington's final War of Independence victory at Yorktown;

Whereas General de Galvez is recognized as having played a significant role in our young republic's fight for freedom and independence during the American Revolution;

Whereas his intervention on behalf of the American cause has earned him a place in history as a friend of the American people and a hero of the War of Independence;

Whereas General de Galvez was a vital player in the defense of our great States of Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas and captured such cities as Pensacola, Baton Rouge, Natchez, Mobile, San Antonio, and Galveston to aid our young country, and for this reason he should be so honored; and

Whereas General Bernardo de Galvez, a friend of the American people and a hero of the War of Independence, deserves renewed honors and national recognition, particularly on July 23, his birthday: 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 July 23 is designated as "General Bernardo de

4 Galvez Day", and the President is authorized and re-

5 quested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people

1 of the United States to observe the day with appropriate
2 ceremonies and activities.

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