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S. J. RES. 189

Designating October 1994 as “National Decorative Painting Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. ROTH introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating October 1994 as “National Decorative Painting Month”.

Whereas the painting of decorative items on various surfaces requires great skill, intensive training, and hours of dedicated practice, and produces works of beauty;

Whereas throughout history, decorative painting has provided a medium for the preservation of history and culture, and further, has been recognized as a fine art by all of the world’s great civilizations;

Whereas growing thousands of American decorative artists have studied, explored, and enhanced the historic skills of decorative painting, adding immeasurably to the cultural enrichment of our Nation;

Whereas the efforts of these artists bring rich beauty and expanded themselves to our national culture for the benefit and enrichment of the lives of all citizens;

Whereas the Society of Decorative Painters has created a collection whose purpose it is to obtain and preserve works of uniquely American decorative painting;

Whereas decorative artists in every state utilize their talents to raise money to benefit art institutions, hospitals, schools, and countless other philanthropic organizations;

Whereas members of the Society of Decorative Painters have enriched the Smithsonian Institution by decorating Christmas trees therein, and have displayed the American spirit of decorative painting by providing ornaments for the Christmas Tree and wreaths at Blair House, and at the request of Vice-President Al Gore, donated ornaments which were presented as our national gift to the German Chancellor; and

Whereas decorative painters stand ever ready to donate their services to make our nation a richer and more beautiful place: 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 October 1994 is designated as “National Decorative
- 4 Painting Month” and the President is authorized and re-
- 5 quested to issue a proclamation calling upon the People
- 6 of the United States to observe such month with appro-
- 7 priate ceremonies and activities.

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