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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 121]

To designate October 6, 1993 and 1994, as "German-American Day".

Whereas German immigrants first arrived in America at Jamestown, Virginia, in October 1608, and the 400th anniversary of the arrival of these first Germans will be celebrated in 2008; Whereas the first German settlement in America was founded on October 6, 1683 at Germantown, Pennsylvania, and October 6, 1983, was designated as the German-American Tricentennial Celebration by Congressional Resolution and Presidential Proclamation;

Whereas the number of American citizens of German ancestry has grown to over 50 million since the first German immigrants arrived in this country;

Whereas German-Americans are proud of the existing friendship and cooperation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States;

Whereas the German-American Friendship Garden in Washington, D.C., is evidence of this cooperation;

Whereas German-Americans support expansion of the existing friendship between Germany and the United States, and will continue to contribute to the culture of the United States, support its government and democratic principles, and help ensure the freedom of all people;

Whereas German unification stands as a symbol of greater international cooperation and has reemphasized the prominent position of Germany in the European community and between the East and the West;

Whereas Congress unanimously passed joint resolutions designating October 6th of 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992, each as "German-American Day": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 6, 1993 and 1994, are each designated as "German-American Day",

and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the days with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 6, 1993.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 121:

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