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H. CON. RES. 209

Remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN (for himself and Mr. GINGRICH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Remembering the life of George Washington and his contributions to the Nation.

Whereas December 14, 1999, will be the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington, the father of our Nation, and the protector of our liberties;

Whereas the standards established by George Washington's steadfast character and devotion to duty continue to inspire all men and women in the service of their country and in the conduct of their private lives;

Whereas the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, which maintains the Mount Vernon estate and directs research and education programs relating to George Washington's contribution to our national life, has requested

all Americans to participate in the observance of this anniversary;

Whereas bells should be caused to toll at places of worship and institutions of learning for the duration of 1 minute commencing at 12 o'clock noon, central standard time, throughout the Nation, on the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington;

Whereas the flag of the United States should be lowered to halfstaff on the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington; and

Whereas the example set by George Washington is of the utmost importance to the future of the Nation, and it is the responsibility of private and government institutions to prepare for the observation of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) the Congress calls upon the Nation to re-
4 member the life of George Washington and his con-
5 tributions to the Nation; and

6 (2) the President of the United States is—

7 (A) authorized and requested to issue a
8 proclamation calling upon the people of the
9 United States—

10 (i) to commemorate the death of
11 George Washington with appropriate cere-
12 monies and activities; and

1 (ii) to cause and encourage patriotic
2 and civic associations, veterans and labor
3 organizations, schools, universities, and
4 communities of study and worship, to-
5 gether with citizens everywhere, to develop
6 programs and research projects that con-
7 centrate upon the life and character of
8 George Washington as it relates to the fu-
9 ture of the Nation and to the development
10 and welfare of the lives of free people ev-
11 erywhere; and

12 (B) requested to notify the governments of
13 all nations with which the United States enjoys
14 relations that our Nation continues to cherish
15 the memory of George Washington with affec-
16 tion and gratitude by furnishing a copy of this
17 resolution to those governments.

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