

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. RES. 1005

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National “Rural America Month”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2006

Ms. HERSETH (for herself, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. TANNER, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. BERRY, Mr. ROSS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Ms. WOOLSEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas more than 55,000,000 people live in rural areas of the country;

Whereas rural areas make up 80 percent of the United States landscape;

Whereas our rural communities are diverse, dynamic engines for growth in America;

Whereas the contribution of rural Americans to the national economy is invaluable;

Whereas rural America’s natural renewable resources can help our Nation break its dangerous reliance on foreign oil;

Whereas rural America’s farmers and ranchers feed families across the country and around the globe while being stewards of our land and natural resources;

Whereas rural Americans look to their local police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and National Guard to keep them safe in times of national emergencies;

Whereas the highest concentrations of veterans are found in rural counties;

Whereas rural Americans deserve access to affordable health care;

Whereas rural Americans deserve the finest education we can offer;

Whereas rural America is a key part of our growing information highway;

Whereas “September” would be an appropriate month to establish a “Rural America Month”; and

Whereas Americans in rural areas reflect values that make America great—community, service, hard work, family, and responsibility—their contributions should be recognized and commended: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-

2       resentatives that—

3               (1) “Rural America Month” be established;

4               (2) the President should issue a proclamation

5       designating “Rural America Month”; and

1           (3) the people of the United States should ob-  
2           serve “Rural America Month” with appropriate cere-  
3           monies and activities.

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