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H. RES. 818

Expressing support for designating January 8th as Elvis Presley Day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KISSELL (for himself, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. WATT, Mr. SHULER, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. COOPER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HARPER, Mr. MICHAUD, and Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designating January 8th as Elvis Presley Day.

Whereas Elvis Aaron Presley was born in Tupelo Mississippi, on January 8, 1935, and began his singing career in 1954 with the legendary Sun Records label in Memphis, Tennessee;

Whereas Elvis Presley remains one of the most famous American entertainers of all time whose influence on music and whose cultural impact continues today;

Whereas Elvis Presley recorded more than 750 songs and sold more than one billion records worldwide;

Whereas Elvis Presley received 14 Grammy nominations and three awards from the National Academy of Recording

Arts & Sciences and the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award at age 36;

Whereas Elvis Presley honorably served in the United States Army;

Whereas Elvis Presley is hailed as the “King of Rock and Roll”;

Whereas Elvis Presley often shared his success with the less fortunate through benefit concerts and contributions to charity;

Whereas Elvis Presley exemplified the American dream by pulling himself up from poverty through hard work and personal talent;

Whereas Elvis Presley was featured in the first worldwide television broadcast, Aloha from Hawaii, which was eventually seen by more than a billion people;

Whereas according to the National Archives, the most requested item from the Archives is a photograph of Elvis Presley shaking hands with President Nixon during a visit to the White House;

Whereas Elvis Presley died at his Memphis home, “Graceland”, on August 16, 1977;

Whereas Graceland welcomes more than 600,000 visitors each year and is the most famous home in America after the White House;

Whereas in 2006, Interior Secretary Gail Norton designated Graceland as a National Historic Landmark;

Whereas in a time when the trade deficits of the United States continue to grow, the sustained export of American music and culture is a uniquely American product that can never be replaced by foreign competitors;

Whereas in 1993, the United States Postal Service issued a first class stamp featuring an image of Elvis Presley which became the most popular stamp in United States history; and

Whereas no national holiday celebrates the birthday of an American cultural icon: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of Elvis Presley
3 Day; and

4 (2) encourages the people of the United States,
5 Federal, State, and local governments, and inter-
6 ested groups to observe Elvis Presley Day.

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