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S. RES. 699

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 11 through September 17 as “Patriot Week”.

Whereas the events that led to the signing of the Constitution of the United States by the delegates to the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, have significance for every citizen of the United States and are honored in public schools across the United States on Constitution Day, which is September 17 of each year;

Whereas the rule of law, the social compact, democracy, liberty, equality, and unalienable human rights are the essential values upon which the United States flourishes;

Whereas diversity is one of the greatest strengths of the United States, and the motto inscribed on the Great Seal of the United States, “E pluribus unum”, Latin for “out

of many, one”, symbolizes that individuals in the United States from all walks of life are unified by shared values;

Whereas exceptional, visionary, and indispensable individuals such as Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, John Adams, John Marshall, George Washington, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison founded or advanced the United States;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions signed in Seneca Falls, New York, the Gettysburg Address, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the “I Have a Dream” speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr., express sentiments that have advanced liberty in the United States; and

Whereas the Bennington flag (commonly known as the “’76 flag”), the Betsy Ross flag, the current flag of the United States, the flag of the women’s suffrage movement, the Union flag (commonly known as the “Fort Sumter flag”), the Gadsden flag, and the flags of the States are physical symbols of the history of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of the week of Sep-
3 tember 11 through September 17 as “Patriot
4 Week”;

5 (2) recognizes that understanding the history of
6 the United States and the first principles of the

1 United States is indispensable to the survival of the
2 United States as a free people;

3 (3) acknowledges, in great reverence to the vic-
4 tims of the September 11, 2001, attacks, that citi-
5 zens of the United States should take time to honor
6 the first principles, founders, documents, and sym-
7 bols of their history;

8 (4) recognizes that each generation should
9 renew the spirit of the United States based on the
10 first principles, historical figures, founding docu-
11 ments, and symbols of the United States; and

12 (5) encourages citizens, schools and other edu-
13 cational institutions, and Federal, State, and local
14 governments and their agencies to recognize and
15 participate in Patriot Week by honoring, celebrating,
16 and promoting the study of the history of the United
17 States so that all people of the United States may
18 offer the reverence that is due to the free republic.

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