## Public Law 97-420 97th Congress

## Joint Resolution

## Designating January 17, 1983, as "Public Employees' Appreciation Day".

Jan. 4, 1983 [H.J. Res. 619]

Whereas public employees have made great contributions to American society in many areas including health care, crime prevention, science, transportation, agriculture, housing, energy, and the national defense;

Whereas public employees are the often forgotten individuals who make government run smoothly;

- Whereas professionals in the public work force provide continuity and security in government operations in times of national emergency and stress;
- Whereas the merit system of employing public employees has provided our Federal, State, and local governments with the finest public work force in the world; and
- Whereas the Congress of the United States recognizes the dedication, talents, and contributions made by public employees at all levels of government: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That January 17, 1983, is designated as "Public Employees' Appreciation Day" and the President is requested to issue a proclamation inviting the Governors of the several States, the chief officials of local governments, and the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Public Employees' Appreciation Day.

Approved January 4, 1983.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY-H.J. Res. 619:

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