

Public Law 97-178
97th Congress

Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to designate May 20, 1982, as "Amelia Earhart Day".

May 21, 1982
[H.J. Res. 412]

Whereas Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger;

Whereas Amelia Earhart set a number of altitude and speed records in various airplanes and autogiros, forerunners of the helicopter;

Whereas Amelia Earhart was widely hailed as an aviator and an inspiring example to all;

Whereas Amelia Earhart worked for the promotion of sound aeronautics and was a strong influence in breaking down resistance to aviation;

Whereas Amelia Earhart was the first woman in American history to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross;

Whereas Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean on May 20-21, 1932: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate May 20, 1982, as "Amelia Earhart Day", as a tribute to that most daring of the pioneer women aviators, and to call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies and the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Amelia Earhart
Day.

Approved May 21, 1982.

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