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Joint Resolution

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To designate the week beginning August 25, 1991, as "National Parks Week".

Whereas on August 25, 1916, the Congress established the National Park Service charged with the conservation of "the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife" of the National Park System and "to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations";

Whereas the National Park Service, now celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary, has shown leadership in the protection of our Nation's natural, cultural, and recreational resources internationally, nationally, and locally;

Whereas today the three hundred and fifty-seven units of the National Park System preserve and interpret unique resources that shape our Nation's sense of its identity, from the scenic beauty of the great natural parks to the rich diversity of the historical and archeological areas and the varied activities of the recreational areas;

Whereas millions of Americans as well as people from foreign nations visit the national parks each year, deriving pleasure and inspiration from them;

Whereas we who have inherited this legacy and who are enriched by it, believe that the parks deserve to be kept unimpaired to ensure that future generations will continue to appreciate and enjoy them;

Whereas the National Park Service has long cooperated with the States, counties, localities, and other entities to assist in the preservation of historic resources, the management of diverse natural resources, and the increase of public recreational opportunities;

Whereas the men and women of the National Park Service charged with the protection of our parks and their visitors have steadfastly served the purposes for which the national park system was created; and

Whereas, during the year beginning August 25, 1991, the National Park Service will celebrate its diamond anniversary with programs focusing the Nation's attention on the riches of these parks and the need for their preservation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the week beginning August 25, 1991, is hereby designated as "National Park Week" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States and the world to participate in the events commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service.

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