

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. J. RES. 161

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1994

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

To designate April 1994, as “Civil War History Month”.

Whereas the period of American history known as “The Civil War” is universally recognized as one of the most significant landmark eras in our Nation’s heritage;

Whereas, the continuous growth of public awareness of and interest in the Civil War period remains an integral part of America’s cultural heritage;

Whereas, the study, preservation, and interpretation of literature and sites associated with this period is imbedded in the educational and cultural heritage of our country;

Whereas, the beginning of the Civil War occurred in April 1861, with the firing on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, and the effective ending of the Civil War occurred in April 1865, with the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, Virginia, making April the most important month of the year in Civil War History; and

Whereas, the heritage of the Civil War deserves the attention and respect of all individuals in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2        *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3        That April 1994, is designated as “Civil War History  
4        Month”. The President is authorized and requested to  
5        issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United  
6        States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies  
7        and activities.

          Passed the Senate April 19 (legislative day, April  
11), 1994.

Attest:

MARTHA S. POPE,  
*Secretary.*