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H. RES. 37

Recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battles at the River Raisin and the significance of these battles during the War of 1812.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 18, 2013

Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. CAMP, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, and Mr. UPTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 200th anniversary of the Battles at the River Raisin and the significance of these battles during the War of 1812.

Whereas from January 18 to January 22, 1813, the military forces of the United States and Great Britain engaged in the Battles of Frenchtown, which have come to be commonly referred to as the Battles of River Raisin;

Whereas the battles on the north bank of the River Raisin were some of the largest engagements of the War of 1812, and the largest battle ever to be fought on Michigan soil;

Whereas the conflicts were some of the bloodiest engagements during the War of 1812;

Whereas of the 934 members of the United States Armed Forces who fought here, only 33 escaped death or capture;

Whereas the Battles of the River Raisin had a significant effect on the campaign for the Great Lakes and inspired one of the great rallying cries of the War of 1812, “Remember the Raisin!”;

Whereas each January on the anniversary of the battle, a memorial service is held commemorating the service of the Citizens of the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Canada, and Native Americans who fought at the Battle of River Raisin;

Whereas the River Raisin Battlefield Site was established as a Michigan State Historic Site on February 18, 1956, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 10, 1982;

Whereas since 1990 the Monroe County Historical Commission and the Monroe County Historical Society have managed the Monroe River Raisin Battlefield Visitor Center, a source of community pride and a resource for information about the Battle of River Raisin;

Whereas the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11) authorized the establishment of the River Raisin National Battlefield Park at Monroe, Michigan;

Whereas, on October 22, 2010, the River Raisin National Battlefield Park was established as the 393rd unit of the United States National Park Service and is the only National Battlefield Park representing the War of 1812; and

Whereas the 200th anniversary of the Battles of the River Raisin are January 18 to January 22, 2013: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 200th anniversary of the
3 Battles of River Raisin;

4 (2) pays tribute to the members of the United
5 States Armed Forces who died at River Raisin;

6 (3) recognizes the work of the River Raisin
7 Battlefield Visitor Center in Monroe, Michigan, a co-
8 operative effort of the Monroe County Historical
9 Commission, Monroe County Historical Society, Na-
10 tional Park Service and the City of Monroe in pre-
11 serving and maintaining this battlefield and the leg-
12 acy of those who fought for future generations; and

13 (4) encourages the people of the United States
14 to visit the River Raisin National Battlefield Park
15 on the occasion of this bicentennial anniversary.

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