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Joint Resolution

Designating the third week in May 1989 as "National Tourism Week".

Nov. 16, 1988

[S.J. Res. 325]

Whereas travel and tourism is the third largest retail industry and the second largest private employer in the United States, generating more than five million five hundred thousand jobs and indirectly employing another two million two hundred thousand Americans;

Whereas total travel expenditures in the United States amount to nearly \$270,000,000,000 annually, or about 6.4 per centum of the gross national product;

Whereas tourism is an essential American export, as more than twenty-eight million foreign travelers spent approximately \$19,000,000,000 in the United States in 1987;

Whereas development and promotion of tourism have brought new industries, jobs, and economic revitalization to cities and regions across the United States;

Whereas tourism contributes substantially to personal growth, education, appreciation of intercultural differences, and the enhancement of international understanding and good will; and

Whereas the abundant natural and manmade attractions of the United States and the hospitality of the American people establish the United States as the preeminent destination for both foreign and domestic travelers: 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 on the second Sunday in May 1989 is designated as "National Tourism Week". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 16, 1988.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 325:

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