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Joint Resolution

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[S.J. Res. 242]

Designating the period commencing May 2, 1988, and ending on May 8, 1988, as "Public Service Recognition Week".

Whereas the remarkable range of skills and unceasing dedication of government employees has supported the United States' leadership position in the world;

Whereas government employees have helped make the United States a global leader in industry, health care, agriculture, and defense by developing some of the world's most important technologies;

Whereas career government employees provide the Nation's defense, carry out the laws of the land, ensure environmental protection, maintain transportation systems, guard the Nation's borders to stem the flow of illegal drugs, administer Social Security, support health programs, provide policy direction for the education of the Nation's children, and provide countless other crucial public services;

Whereas government employees perform their demanding duties in exchange for compensation which is often far less than that received by their private sector counterparts; and

Whereas government employees are a valuable national resource, fulfilling the needs and desires of the American people as expressed through their elected representatives in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 2-8, 1988, is designated as "Public Service Recognition Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

Approved May 5, 1988.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 242:

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