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Joint Resolution

To designate November 16, 1990, as “National Philanthropy Day”.

Whereas there are more than 800,000 nonprofit philanthropic organizations in the United States;
Whereas such organizations employ more than 10,000,000 persons, including approximately 4,500,000 volunteers;
Whereas the people of the United States contributed approximately $104,000,000,000 in 1988 to support such organizations;
Whereas philanthropic organizations are responsible for enhancing the quality of life of people throughout this Nation and the world;
Whereas the people of this Nation owe a great debt to the schools, churches, museums, art and music centers, youth groups, hospitals, research institutions, community service institutions, and organizations that aid and comfort the disadvantaged, sick, and elderly; and
Whereas the people of the United States should demonstrate gratitude and support for philanthropic organizations and for the efforts, skills, and resources of the people who carry out the missions of such organizations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 16, 1990, is designated as “National Philanthropy Day”, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.


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