Joint Resolution

To designate November 16, 1990, as "National Federation of the Blind Day".

Whereas the National Federation of the Blind was established in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, on November 16, 1940;
Whereas the Federation is the largest organization for blind people in the United States;
Whereas the Federation was founded to provide a sense of security, equality, and opportunity, and an outlet for self-expression for the blind;
Whereas the Federation has over 50,000 members, national chapters in every State and the District of Columbia, and local chapters in almost every community;
Whereas the founders of the Federation, who are themselves blind, have been instrumental in instilling hope and self-assurance in the blind and in improving the public image of blind people;
Whereas programs conducted by the Federation assist the blind in obtaining and performing jobs and becoming productive members of society; and
Whereas the many functions, activities, and programs of the Federation have provided significant benefits to the blind and to the Nation: 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 Federation of the Blind Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved November 6, 1990.

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