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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 599]

To designate July 1, 1990, as "National Ducks and Wetlands Day".

- Whereas the United States converts almost 500,000 acres of wetlands to other uses each year;
- Whereas the Department of the Interior annually issues a Federal duck stamp and uses all funds raised by the sale of the stamp to acquire wildlife habitat in the form of wetlands that support both waterfowl and other wildlife;
- Whereas the United States Postal Service sells more than 1,500,000 duck stamps annually;
- Whereas citizens of the United States have purchased duck stamps for over half a century to support the conservation benefits of saving wetlands;
- Whereas the sale of duck stamps has raised more than \$400,000,000 since the inception of the program, and these proceeds have been used to acquire almost 4,000,000 acres of prime habitat for the National Refuge System;
- Whereas on Sunday, July 1, 1990, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior will issue a Federal duck stamp that will go on sale at post offices nationwide;
- Whereas according to popular tradition, the artist who designed the new stamp will be honored at a First Day of Sale Ceremony to be held near the hometown of the artist;
- Whereas the United States Postal Service will host a ceremony at the new Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center to honor the fourteenth duck stamp to be designed by a Minnesota artist; and
- Whereas the citizens of Minnesota have dedicated an afternoon program of ceremony, information, and family activities to support the conservation of wetlands and waterfowl: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That July 1, 1990, is designated as "National Ducks and Wetlands Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities and to support conservation efforts by purchasing duck stamps.*

Approved July 13, 1990.

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