Joint Resolution

Designating the week of August 19 through 25, 1990, as "National Agricultural Research Week".

Whereas the Act to establish a Department of Agriculture, enacted May 15, 1862, which placed the primary responsibility for scientific experimentation in agriculture with the Department of Agriculture, provided the basis for the development of the modern nationwide cooperative agricultural research system;

Whereas past public commitments to agricultural research in the United States provided the scientists and facilities essential to the development of the most successful technological advancements known to the science of agriculture;

Whereas the American public has been the major beneficiary of agricultural research through a broad array of food, fiber, and forest products unsurpassed in cost, availability, quality, safety, and convenience; and

Whereas the agricultural production and marketing system of the United States faces urgent challenges from increased international competition for markets, consumer demands for healthier and safer foods, the need to adjust to the uncertainties of climatic change, appeals to conserve the natural resources of the Nation and protect the environment, and the need to improve the economic well-being of rural America: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of August 19 through 25, 1990, is designated as "National Agricultural Research Week". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe that week with proper ceremonies and activities.

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