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To commemorate the centennial of the creation by Congress of Yosemite National Park.

- Whereas the first application of a park concept originated in Yosemite with the grant of 1864 (Federal land given to California for preservation) and since that time the park has played an important role in pioneering park management concepts;
- Whereas Yosemite National Park was established for the purpose of preservation of the resources that contribute to its uniqueness and attractiveness;
- Whereas the United States Congress recognized the importance of preserving this great park for future public enjoyment when it established Yosemite National Park;
- Whereas Yosemite National Park is a showcase of spectacular geological features, including the greatest concentration of granite domes in the world and the largest exposed granite monolith in the world;
- Whereas Yosemite National Park possesses outstanding recreational values and supreme scenic attractions, including alpine and subalpine wilderness, three groves of giant sequoia trees and thundering waterfalls that are among the world's highest;
- Whereas Yosemite was the birthplace of the idea of the Sierra Club;
- Whereas Yosemite plays an important role in wildlife preservation and preserving biological diversity;
- Whereas Yosemite is a world heritage site which has made a significant contribution to California's cultural heritage, to the national park movement, and to Yosemite's 4,000 years of cultural heritage by Native Americans;
- Whereas Yosemite provides solitude and inspiration and serves as an outdoor classroom for environmental education;
- Whereas each year Yosemite National Park welcomes millions of people from around the world; and
- Whereas Yosemite National Park was established on October 1, 1890, and is the Nation's third oldest national park: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress hereby recognizes and commemorates the centennial of Yosemite National Park, created by Congress in 1890. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the centennial with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved October 12, 1990.

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