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CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SECOND SESSION, EIGHTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONIES FOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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- Whereas January 17, 1956, marks the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin in Boston, Massachusetts; and
- Whereas Benjamin Franklin, because of his dedication to the welfare of human society and the influence which he has exerted upon our material and spiritual development through his great and varied achievements as a statesman, diplomat, journalist, scientist, and philosopher, is universally recognized as one of the truly monumental figures of mankind; and
- Whereas the contributions of Benjamin Franklin to the achievement of independence for the United States of America, to the formulation of our Constitution and the formation of the Government under which we live, and to our progress as a Nation over the years are unsurpassed by any individual in our history; and
- Whereas Federal, State, and local officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, respectively, will join with the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Franklin Foundation in commemorative ceremonies to be held in Boston in connection with such anniversary and also with The Franklin Institute of Philadelphia and co-operating organizations and the University of Pennsylvania to be held in Philadelphia; and
- Whereas it is fitting that the Congress, as a mark of recognition and respect on behalf of all of the people of the United States, add its voice to the voices of those who are participating in these ceremonies: Therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress extends its greetings and felicitations to all those who are participating in the commemorative ceremonies being held in Boston, Massachusetts, and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin. The Congress joins with them and with all the people of the United States in expressing its appreciation of the great and indispensable part which Benjamin Franklin played, through his great and varied accomplishments in many fields, in the founding of our Nation and the establishment of a sound basis for the progress and development which our Nation has enjoyed over the years.

Benjamin Franklin.
Birth anniversary ceremonies.

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