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119TH CONGRESS
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Expressing support for the designation of the month of July as “American Patriotism Month”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of the month of July as “American Patriotism Month”.

Whereas, on July 4, 1776, in an act of patriotism, the 13 colonies declared independence from British rule and created the United States of America;

Whereas the United States was founded on the values of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;

Whereas, throughout its rich history, many American patriots have demonstrated commitment to these founding principles through selfless service and sacrifice;

Whereas following the unprecedented Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, thousands of Ameri-

cans rushed to enlist in the United States military to defend our country;

Whereas, on June 6, 1944, over 73,000 Americans stormed the beaches of Normandy to protect democracy and liberty around the globe and here at home;

Whereas, on January 20, 1961, President John F. Kennedy in his inaugural address said, “And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,”;

Whereas, on January 20, 1981, President Ronald Reagan in his inaugural address said, “Above all, we must realize that no arsenal or no weapon in the arsenals of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today’s world do not have. It is a weapon that we as Americans do have.”;

Whereas through the leadership of United States Presidents and the American people, America was triumphant in the Cold War against the Soviet Union and emerged as the beacon of hope for the free world;

Whereas when the United States of America was attacked on September 11, 2001, American patriots rushed to help one another, defend our country, and defend the values that as Americans we so deeply believe in;

Whereas, on September 11, 2001, the American patriots aboard United Airlines flight 93 fought against the hijackers and saved thousands of American lives;

Whereas 181,510 Americans joined the ranks of Active Duty service and 72,908 enlisted in the reserves in the year following the September 11, 2001, attack;

Whereas, on July 5, 2019, President Trump in his Salute to America said “That same American spirit that emboldened our founders has kept us strong throughout our history. To this day, that spirit runs through the veins of every American patriot. It lives on in each and every one of you here today. It is the spirit of daring and defiance, excellence and adventure, courage and confidence, loyalty and love that built this country into the most exceptional nation in the history of the world, and our nation is stronger today than it ever was before. It is its strongest now.”;

Whereas July holds significance in American history as it includes Independence Day, the commemoration of the Declaration of Independence, a document that became an international beacon of freedom;

Whereas the millions of American citizens who have given their life in defense of the United States of America to protect the values and freedoms that our Founding Fathers declared on July 4, 1776, deserve the respect and gratitude of the American people; and

Whereas the month of July would be an appropriate month to designate as “American Patriotism Month”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the importance of American pa-
- 3 triotism and its examples throughout history;
- 4 (2) recognizes the contributions of all Ameri-
- 5 cans, past and present, who have preserved Amer-
- 6 ica’s patriotic principles through service and sac-

1 rifice; starting with our founding fathers declaration
2 of independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776;
3 (4) encourages individuals, schools, organiza-
4 tions, and communities across the United States to
5 observe the month with appropriate ceremonies, ac-
6 tivities, and educational initiatives that celebrate
7 American history, values, and civic responsibility;
8 (3) supports the designation of “American Pa-
9 triotism Month”; and
10 (4) requests that the President issue an annual
11 proclamation designating “American Patriotism
12 Month”.