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H. J. RES. 222

Authorizing the President to proclaim 1993 as “America-the-Beautiful Year”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUDDS introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to proclaim 1993 as “America-
the-Beautiful Year”.

Whereas the poem or hymn, “America the Beautiful” beloved
of all Americans, was written by the American poet and
educator, Katharine Lee Bates, in the year 1893;

Whereas the poem or hymn, “America the Beautiful”, ex-
presses and celebrates certain fundamental American
qualities and ideals; namely, the beauty and fertility of
our bountiful American land, the strength, skill, and pro-
ductivity of the American people, their courage and will,
and the American vision of freedom and a good life for
all citizens; and

Whereas the need is already present, at the 100th anniversary of the writing of the poem or hymn, “America the Beautiful”, to rededicate the Nation’s energies to those qualities and ideals expressed and celebrated in the hymn, and to reassert the responsibilities of free people to the proper stewardship of their land and to the nurturing of the lives of their fellow Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That the President is authorized and requested to issue
 4 a proclamation designating the year 1993, the 100th anni-
 5 versary of the writing of the poem or hymn, “America the
 6 Beautiful”, by Katharine Lee Bates, as “America-the-
 7 Beautiful Year”, which shall be dedicated, generally, to
 8 a reexamination of the American heritage and the Amer-
 9 ican character, and which shall be dedicated to encourag-
 10 ing all the States, counties, cities, towns, and villages, and
 11 all industries, businesses, and institutions in the Nation,
 12 and all agencies and bureaus of the Federal Government,
 13 during America-the-Beautiful Year, to initiate or complete
 14 specific projects, to be designated as “America-the-Beau-
 15 tiful Year projects”, that shall embody the principles of
 16 conservation, historic preservation, and enlightened plan-
 17 ning, and that shall reflect the highest ideals of a free,
 18 responsible, and creative people.

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