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H. J. RES. 386

To designate September 14, 1994, as “Mercy Otis Warren Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 1994

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate September 14, 1994, as “Mercy Otis Warren Day”.

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren was born on September 14, 1728, in Barnstable, Massachusetts, one of 13 children who, while without a formal education, had a thirst for knowledge and ardent interest in politics that transformed her into one of the prominent political thinkers and commentators of her day;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren maintained an aggressive concern for public affairs and the role of women in society, and was determined that women should not be restricted to domestic interests;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren wrote numerous published works providing commentary on the leading political figures of the American Revolution and the political viewpoints of

the day, including a major literary work, the 3-volume History of the Rise, Progress and Termination of the American Revolution, completed in 1805;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren was so well respected by her contemporaries for her understanding of political issues that her advice was sought by such notables as John and Samuel Adams and Thomas Jefferson;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren wrote a 19-page pamphlet published in 1788 entitled “Observations On The New Constitution”, contributing to the political movement which provided the foundation for the Bill of Rights; and

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren is recognized by American historians as a poet, patriot, and historian of the American Revolution: 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 September 14, 1994, is designated as “Mercy Otis
4 Warren Day”, and the President is authorized and re-
5 quested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of
6 the United States to observe such day with appropriate
7 ceremonies and activities.

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