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# H. RES. 170

Requesting the President to designate July 2, 1993, as “Thurgood Marshall Day”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 1993

Mr. RANGEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to designate July 2, 1993, as “Thurgood Marshall Day”.

Whereas, in 1967, Thurgood Marshall was appointed as the 1st African-American Justice to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall had a distinguished legal career, as a civil rights leader for more than 6 decades and as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for 24 years;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall was the 1st African-American Solicitor General when he served in that post from 1965 through 1967;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall was appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the 2d Circuit in 1961;

Whereas, as a Judge for the Court of Appeals for the 2d Circuit, Thurgood Marshall wrote 112 opinions, none of which were reversed on appeal;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall successfully argued the landmark school desegregation case, *Brown v. Board of Education*, which the Supreme Court decided in 1954;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall successfully argued 29 out of 32 cases before the Supreme Court, 14 as a private lawyer and 18 as Solicitor General;

Whereas, during his tenure on the Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall remained committed to equality of opportunity for all Americans, as he demonstrated in his famous dissent in *San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez*, the 1973 decision in which he opined that equal educational opportunity is a fundamental right protected by the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall mentored and trained a generation of young lawyers through the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund and, as its head from 1940 through 1961, championed minority rights;

Whereas Thurgood Marshall was a pioneer in the legal profession and expanded the opportunities available to African-Americans, as well as to other Americans; and

Whereas Thurgood Marshall was the preeminent civil rights lawyer of the 20th century: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives requests
- 2 the President to issue a proclamation honoring the accom-
- 3 plishments and memory of Thurgood Marshall and des-
- 4 ignating July 2, 1993, the date of Thurgood Marshall's
- 5 birth, as "Thurgood Marshall Day".

