

H. Res. 457

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

June 21, 1994.

Whereas on June 21, 1964, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives at a young age in an effort to guarantee the rights that are the birthright of every citizen of the United States, particularly the right to vote;

Whereas James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were part of a movement that helped to achieve the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and other milestones in the progress of this Nation toward achieving the goal of ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities and equal justice for all;

Whereas during the 30 years after the deaths of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, this Nation has benefitted tremendously from the removal of many barriers to full participation by every citizen of this Nation in political, educational and economic life;

Whereas the lives and resultant deaths of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner have come to symbolize the dream of brotherhood and sisterhood among citizens of this Nation from all races, religions and ethnic backgrounds and serve to inspire all citizens—

in particular young citizens—to be dedicated to the ideals of justice, equality, citizenship and community;

Whereas the lifework of these men and thousands of other young students who traveled to Mississippi remains unfinished until all barriers are removed that bar the full participation of every citizen of this Nation in the democratic process of this Nation, especially the electoral process; and

Whereas the Nation continues to need the leadership and involvement of all its citizens, in particular the young, in solving problems in their communities and improving the lives of those in need: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the House of Representatives that—

(1) June 21, 1994, is designated as Freedom Summer Remembrance Day;

(2) the House of Representatives expresses the importance of citizens—regardless of party, ideology, age, race, creed, and socio-economic status—working to improve this Nation and address issues most critical to their communities;

(3) the Voting Rights Act of 1965 has helped to fulfill the promise of democracy in this Nation; and

(4) the House of Representatives reaffirms the goal of removing remaining barriers to full voter participation in this Nation.

Attest:

Clerk.