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Repeat the Past –
Promote United States History
Cosponsor H. Res. 641

Dear Colleague,

On September 17, we will celebrate the 220th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. In honor of this historic event, I am introducing a resolution to acknowledge Constitution Day and the importance of understanding our nation's history. Too many Americans are unaware of the significance of our founding principles, embodied in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

It is in this spirit that I encourage Members to repeat the past by promoting United States history throughout your districts. By repeating history, perhaps by visiting a local school, teaching a class, or discussing how our lives are shaped by the tenets of these great documents, we can help our children learn and understand the past.

Please cosponsor H. Res. 641 that acknowledges the importance of U. S. History and advances civic responsibility. Contact Casey Hastings (5-2576) in my office if you have additional questions or to become an original cosponsor.

Sincerely,



Patrick McHenry
Member of Congress

RESOLUTION

Acknowledging the importance of understanding the history of the United States of America and recognizing the need to foster civic responsibility in all citizens.

Whereas we celebrate the 220th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America in September 2007;

Whereas historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Bill of Rights should be the foundations of an education in American history and the guidelines for civic responsibility; and

Whereas every citizen has a duty to family, school, and community to participate as civic leaders and promote the tenets embodied in our founding documents: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives —

- (1) acknowledges the importance of understanding the history of the United States of America; and
- (2) recognizes the need to foster civic responsibility in all citizens.