

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 1036

Expressing support for the Fourth of July, America’s birthday, and bringing celebration and fireworks to our Nation’s “Shrine of Democracy” at Mount Rushmore.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 2020

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the Fourth of July, America’s birthday, and bringing celebration and fireworks to our Nation’s “Shrine of Democracy” at Mount Rushmore.

Whereas, on July 3, 1776, Founding Father John Adams wrote to Abigail Adams expressing his belief that the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be commemorated “with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more”;

Whereas, on July 4, 1777, reflecting the vision of John Adams, fireworks were set off in Philadelphia as part of a celebration to commemorate Independence Day;

Whereas throughout our history, Americans in cities and towns large and small have celebrated the birth of our great Nation;

Whereas an estimated 49 million Americans traveled on vacation to these cities and towns during the Fourth of July holiday in 2019;

Whereas for the first time in over 10 years, Mount Rushmore, our Nation's "Shrine of Democracy", will resume using fireworks in 2020;

Whereas many cities and towns across the country are canceling or are considering canceling their annual Fourth of July celebrations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the historic importance of patri-
3 otic displays in the United States in annual Inde-
4 pendence Day celebrations;

5 (2) supports the commitment to bring fireworks
6 back to our Nation's "Shrine of Democracy" at
7 Mount Rushmore; and

8 (3) urges cities, towns, counties, and other mu-
9 nicipalities to save the Fourth of July by reconsid-
10 ering postponing or canceling their Fourth of July
11 celebrations, so that Americans can enjoy our Na-
12 tion's birthday in a responsible and appropriate
13 manner.

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