

Public Law 99-50

99th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate June 12, 1985, as "Anne Frank Day".

June 14, 1985

[S.J. Res. 142]

Whereas Anne Frank was a young girl who died in the Bergen-Belsen Nazi concentration camp;

Whereas Anne Frank kept a diary, discovered after her death, that told the story of the concealment of her family from the Nazis;

Whereas June 12, 1985, is the anniversary of the birth of Anne Frank;

Whereas June 12, 1985, also is the occasion of an international opening of the exhibition, entitled "Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945", in Frankfurt in the Federal Republic of Germany, in Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and in New York City in the United States;

Whereas the Anne Frank exhibit was organized by the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center, a nonsectarian organization committed to preserving the memory of Anne Frank;

Whereas the American Friends of the Anne Frank Center has selected the American Forum on Religion and Politics to host the opening of the Anne Frank exhibit in New York;

Whereas the American Forum on Religion and Politics, a group composed of business, political, and professional leaders and religious leaders from many faiths, is committed to preserving the separation of church and State and to advancing social change by encouraging dialogue; and

Whereas it is appropriate for the people of the Nation to reflect on the message of Anne Frank that in the face of evil it is possible to retain a belief in humanity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That June 12, 1985, is designated as "Anne Frank Day" and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved June 14, 1985.

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