

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 290

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Deaf History Month.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2023

Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. BACON, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. TAKANO, and Mr. EVANS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Deaf History Month.

Whereas the purpose of National Deaf History Month is to increase awareness of and express appreciation for the many contributions that deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made to our society;

Whereas, according to 2017 Census Bureau estimates, at least 11,200,000 individuals in the United States are deaf or hard of hearing;

Whereas deaf culture is an important part of the fabric of our society;

Whereas deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made and continue to make numerous contributions to the United States;

Whereas the American School for the Deaf opened in Hartford, Connecticut, on April 15, 1817, as the first public school for the deaf in the United States;

Whereas Gallaudet University was founded on April 8, 1864, when President Lincoln signed the charter establishing it as the first college for the deaf in the world; and

Whereas the National Association of the Deaf and the American Library Association support recognizing April as National Deaf History Month: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) supports the goals and ideals of National  
3       Deaf History Month;

4               (2) recognizes the many contributions that deaf  
5       and hard-of-hearing individuals have made to the  
6       United States; and

7               (3) encourages the people of the United States  
8       to observe National Deaf History Month with appro-  
9       priate programs and activities.

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