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S. RES. 290

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the designation of June 24, 2002 through July 24, 2002 as French Heritage Month (Le Mois De L'Heritage Francais).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the designation of June 24, 2002 through July 24, 2002 as French Heritage Month (Le Mois De L'Heritage Francais).

Whereas millions of Americans trace their ancestry to France, Quebec, Acadia, or other French speaking parts of the world;

Whereas the United States shares a common border with Canada, a country with which we have also shared a long history of cordial relations and prosperous trade;

Whereas brave French settlers helped establish New France in the 16th century;

Whereas King Louis XVI, the Marquis De LaFayette, and other brave Frenchmen made immeasurable contributions in our War for Independence;

Whereas Alexis de Tocqueville’s classic book “Democracy in America” has taught and inspired generations of American students;

Whereas French Major Charles Pierre L’Enfant helped design the city plan of the capital of this Nation;

Whereas the people of the United States share with the French people a common love for liberty;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty was presented as a gift from France to the people of New York, and was created by sculptor Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi;

Whereas the United States and France have fought together against Nazism, Fascism, Communism, and Imperialism; and

Whereas the pride and work ethic of the Franco-American community has contributed greatly to the prosperity and culture of this Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, that it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) June 24, 2002 through July 24, 2002, en-
3 compassing the celebration of La Fete St. Jean
4 Baptiste and the commemoration of Bastille Day, be
5 designated as French Heritage Month (Le Mois De
6 L’Heritage Francais); and

7 (2) appropriate observances should be held dur-
8 ing this period throughout the country by public and
9 private groups and institutions.

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