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H. RES. 207

Recognizing the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

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American Civil War.

Whereas the American Civil War started on April 12, 1861,
with the bombardment of Fort Sumter in Charleston
Harbor, South Carolina;

Whereas the American Civil War was the bloodiest four years
in American history, resulting in the death of approxi-
mately 620,000 soldiers and sailors and an unknown
number of civilians;

Whereas more than three million soldiers and sailors coura-
geously fought in the American Civil War;

Whereas the American people must not forget the tremen-
dous sacrifice made on the battlefield and in the home-
front during the American Civil War;

Whereas the American Civil War transformed the United States by paving the way for Civil Rights legislation for decades to come;

Whereas the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War is a time for Americans to reflect upon the significance of the war and its impact on modern-day America;

Whereas preserving the memory of the American Civil War will help ensure that future generations of Americans remember the lessons learned from this part of American history; and

Whereas it is proper for the United States to recognize April 12 as an important day in American history: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
2 nizes the 150th anniversary of the start of the American
3 Civil War.

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