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2D SESSION

S. RES. 492

Designating the week of June 6 through June 12, 2016, as “Hemp History Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2016

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. McCONNELL)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of June 6 through June 12, 2016,
as “Hemp History Week”.

Whereas Hemp History Week will be held from June 6
through June 12, 2016;

Whereas the goals of Hemp History Week are to commemo-
rate the historical relevance of industrial hemp in the
United States and to promote the full growth potential
of the industrial hemp industry;

Whereas industrial hemp is an agricultural commodity that
has been used for centuries to produce many innovative
industrial and consumer products, including soap, fabric,
textiles, construction materials, clothing, paper, cos-
metics, food, and beverages;

Whereas the global market for hemp is estimated to consist of more than 25,000 products;

Whereas the value of hemp imported into the United States for use in the production of other retail products is estimated at approximately \$76,000,000 annually;

Whereas the United States hemp industry estimates that the annual market value of hemp retail sales in the United States is more than \$570,000,000;

Whereas despite the legitimate uses of hemp, many agricultural producers of the United States are prohibited under current law from growing hemp;

Whereas because most hemp cannot be grown legally in the United States, raw hemp material and hemp products are imported for sale in the United States;

Whereas the United States is the largest consumer of hemp products in the world, but the United States is the only major industrialized country that restricts hemp farming; and

Whereas industrial hemp holds great potential to bolster the agricultural economy of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of June 6 through June
3 12, 2016, as “Hemp History Week”;

4 (2) recognizes the historical relevance of indus-
5 trial hemp; and

6 (3) recognizes the growing economic potential
7 of industrial hemp.