

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 541

Commemorating the life and legacy of Jean-Louis de K  rouac on the
centennial of his birth on March 12, 2022.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10 (legislative day, MARCH 7), 2022

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the life and legacy of Jean-Louis de
K  rouac on the centennial of his birth on March 12, 2022.

Whereas Jean-Louis de K  rouac, better known as “Jack”,
was a giant of American literature and favorite son of
Lowell, Massachusetts;

Whereas, alongside Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs,
Jack Kerouac ignited the literary movement in the 1950s
known as the “Beat Generation”;

Whereas the Beat Generation’s rebuke against traditional
values and materialism created the foundation for subse-
quent counterculture movements in America and beyond;

Whereas the beatnik stereotype dominated popular media and
culture in the 1950s and 1960s, an amalgamation of
Kerouac’s self-expressive, unconventional characters;

Whereas the “Beatles” took their name after the movement,
while artists such as Bob Dylan and Jim Morrison cite
Kerouac’s work as major influences; and

Whereas, more than half a century since his death, Kerouac’s
novels still fire the imagination, particularly of young
people, and serve as a tribute to their culture-changing
origins: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and commemo-
2 rates the enduring contribution of Jack Kerouac’s work
3 to American literary culture and beyond on the centennial
4 of his birth.

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