

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 719

Designating June 13, 2024, as “National Seersucker Day”, designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2024 as “Seersucker Thursday”, and designating June 2024 as “Seersucker Appreciation Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2024

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating June 13, 2024, as “National Seersucker Day”, designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2024 as “Seersucker Thursday”, and designating June 2024 as “Seersucker Appreciation Month”.

Whereas seersucker was introduced to the United States in the South in the middle of the 19th century;

Whereas seersucker suits were popularized in the United States in the early 1900s by New Orleans businessman Joseph Haspel at his Broad Street facility in New Orleans, Louisiana;

Whereas, as a lightweight, hard-wearing fabric, seersucker is mostly worn and enjoyed by the people of the United States during hot summer months;

Whereas former Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi brought Seersucker Thursday to Congress in 1996, and after the day went unobserved in 2012 and 2013, then-Representative Bill Cassidy, with the help of the late Senator Dianne Feinstein, revived the tradition in 2014;

Whereas the Senate will remember the late Senator Dianne Feinstein’s historic service as she shall forever remain a part of this tradition, which Senator Raphael Warnock will continue in her stead;

Whereas the name “seersucker” originates from the Persian phrase “shir-o-shakar”, meaning “milk and sugar”, alluding to the alternating textures of the fabric;

Whereas the seersucker textile is made of cotton, linen, or silk (or combinations thereof), woven on a loom with threads at different tensions, creating alternating stripes of smooth and puckered textures that do not lay flat on one’s skin, which is what makes the fabric so breathable;

Whereas cotton is an important crop that producers in the United States, including 3,500 family farms in Georgia, strive to cultivate in the highest quality; and

Whereas one of the 2 alternating stripes in seersucker is frequently in a color, typically blue, but sometimes gray, green, tan, red, pink, or another color, which, in combination with the white stripes, creates the iconic pattern so well known today: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates June 13, 2024, as “National
2 Seersucker Day”;

3 (2) designates every Thursday after National
4 Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in Au-
5 gust 2024 as “Seersucker Thursday”;

6 (3) designates June 2024 as “Seersucker Ap-
7 preciation Month”;

8 (4) recognizes the contributions of the hard-
9 working people of the United States through the
10 wearing of seersucker, the unique warm weather
11 clothing known as the working person’s uniform;

12 (5) encourages Senators to support the objec-
13 tive of National Seersucker Day and Seersucker
14 Thursday;

15 (6) encourages local governments in the United
16 States to build partnerships with local organizations
17 and other members of the clothing industries and
18 enthusiasts to promote the wearing of seersucker;
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20 (7) invites the people of the United States to
21 don their warm weather finest on National Seer-
22 sucker Day and every Seersucker Thursday.

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