

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 806

Recognizing May 22, 2024, as the 205th anniversary of the founding of Memphis, Tennessee, and acknowledging the role that Memphis has played in shaping the history, culture, and economy of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing May 22, 2024, as the 205th anniversary of the founding of Memphis, Tennessee, and acknowledging the role that Memphis has played in shaping the history, culture, and economy of the United States.

Whereas, on May 22, 1819, the city of Memphis, Tennessee, was founded by John Overton, James Winchester, and Andrew Jackson atop the bluffs of the Mississippi River;

Whereas due to its central geographic location, Memphis has served as one of the transportation and logistics hubs of the United States, connecting much of the United States by rail and by water;

Whereas, since 1973, Memphis has served as the hub of the largest cargo airline in the world, Federal Express;

Whereas crucial events of the Civil Rights Movement and the fight for equal justice for all occurred in Memphis, including the 1968 strike by sanitation workers;

Whereas the strike by sanitation workers prompted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to travel to Memphis in April of 1968, where he delivered his famous “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech, just 1 day before his tragic assassination at the Lorraine Motel;

Whereas, since 1962, Memphis has been home to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, which has provided treatment to children with cancer or other life-threatening diseases at no cost to families;

Whereas Memphis has been called “Home of the Blues”, with W.C. Handy—known as the “Father of the Blues”—and his band playing in clubs throughout the historic Beale Street in downtown Memphis;

Whereas Sun Studio, opened in Memphis in 1950, is a monument in rock and roll history, where icons like Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, and Jerry Lee Lewis recorded some of their biggest hits;

Whereas Graceland, the estate of Elvis Presley, is a music landmark, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors every year; and

Whereas the city of Memphis, in its more than 205-year history, has played a pivotal role in shaping the history, culture, and economy of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the 205th anniversary of the
2 founding of Memphis, Tennessee, as May 22, 2024;
3 and

4 (2) acknowledges the pivotal role that the city
5 of Memphis has played in shaping the history, cul-
6 ture, and economy of the United States.

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