

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 233

Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem of the United States.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1993

Mr. KLEIN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

Designating the oak as the national arboreal emblem of  
the United States.

Whereas the oak has more than 300 species native to North  
America;

Whereas the oak is grown today in every State;

Whereas the oak represents durability and longevity;

Whereas the fruit of the oak, the acorn, was used as food by  
early Native Americans;

Whereas in a poll conducted by the International Society of  
Aboriculture, the oak was selected by a majority of people  
as the tree that symbolizes the United States;

Whereas the oak is renowned in art, music, and literature;  
and

Whereas it is fitting and proper that the United States have  
a national arboreal emblem: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the tree commonly known as the oak is designated  
4       as the national arboreal emblem of the United States, and  
5       the President is authorized and requested to issue a proc-  
6       lamation announcing that the oak is the national arboreal  
7       emblem.

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