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Whereas Mercy Otis Warren was born on September 14, 1728, in Barnstable, Massachusetts, was 1 of 13 children, and was without a formal education, yet her thirst for knowledge and ardent interest in politics transformed her into 1 of the prominent political thinkers and commentators of her day;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren maintained throughout her life an aggressive concern for public affairs and the role of women in society, and was determined that women should not be restricted to domestic interests;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren wrote numerous published works providing commentary on the leading political figures of the American Revolution and on the political viewpoints of her day, including a major literary work, the 3-volume “History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution”, completed in 1805;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren was so well respected by her contemporaries for her understanding of political issues that her advice was sought by such notables as John Adams, Samuel Adams, and Thomas Jefferson;

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren wrote a 19-page pamphlet, published in 1788, entitled “Observations on the New Constitution”, that contributed to the political movement that provided a foundation for the Bill of Rights; and

Whereas Mercy Otis Warren is recognized by American historians as a poet, a patriot, and a historian of the American Revolution: 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 October 19, 1994, is designated as “Mercy Otis War-  
4       ren Day”. The President is authorized and requested to  
5       issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United  
6       States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies  
7       and activities.

Passed the Senate October 8 (legislative day, September 12), 1994.

Attest:

*Secretary.*