

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas travel and tourism has a major impact on the economy of the United States as the third largest retail sales industry in the Nation;

Whereas 1 out of every 7 people employed in the United States civilian labor force is employed in the travel and tourism industry;

Whereas international travel to the United States is the largest service export, having generated a trade surplus for 13 consecutive years;

Whereas domestic and international travel generated an estimated \$545,000,000,000 in expenditures in 2001, supporting more than 7,800,000 jobs, and creating more than \$94,400,000,000 in tax revenue for Federal, State, and local governments;

Whereas the slowing of the United States economy and the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have had a tremendous negative effect on the tourism industry;

Whereas according to the Travel Industry Association, the travel and tourism industry would suffer a \$43,000,000,000 decrease in spending from domestic and international travelers due to the September 11, 2001, attacks;

Whereas the Department of Commerce has issued preliminary figures indicating that international travel to the United States decreased 11 percent between 2000 and 2001, resulting in a 45 percent decrease in the travel trade surplus (from \$14,000,000,000 to \$7,700,000,000), and that it may take 3 years for international travel to return to the 2000 level;

Whereas decreased spending in 2001 caused the travel and tourism industry to lose an estimated 600,000 jobs, and resulted in an estimated 3 percent decrease in tax revenues from such industry;

Whereas National Tourism Week was established by Congress in 1983, and first celebrated in May 1984, when President Ronald Reagan signed a Presidential Proclamation urging citizens to observe the week “with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

Whereas since 1984, National Tourism Week has been celebrated each May by the Travel Industry Association of America, as well as many States, cities, and other travel industry associations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*

2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) designates May 4–12, 2002, as “National
4 Tourism Week; and

5 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-

6 mation calling upon the people of the United States

- 1 to observe National Tourism Week with appropriate
- 2 ceremonies and activities.

Passed the Senate May 7, 2002.

Attest:

Secretary.

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