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S. RES. 312

Recognizing the importance of American history and designating July as
“American History Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2002

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of American history and
designating July as “American History Month”.

Whereas July is an important month in American history be-
cause of the signing of the Declaration of Independence
and various other events that have added to the rich her-
itage of our Nation;

Whereas learning American history is vital to attaining citi-
zenship in our democratic republic;

Whereas we must encourage Americans of all ages and
ethnicities to learn about the history and heritage of the
United States;

Whereas the Senate recognizes the historical achievements
and contributions of Americans from all walks of life,
races, and ethnic groups;

Whereas an individual who has a strong knowledge of American history is likely to have a deeper appreciation of the need for historic preservation of properties, building, and artifacts;

Whereas many of the educators, parents, and concerned citizens of our Nation have cited a lack of American history knowledge in students of all ages from across the country;

Whereas surveys have shown that the next generation of American leaders and citizens is in danger of losing a fundamental knowledge of American history;

Whereas 1 survey showed that only 23 percent of college seniors could correctly identify James Madison as the “Father of the Constitution”, and 26 percent of those same students mistakenly thought that the Articles of Confederation established the division of powers between the States and the Federal Government; and

Whereas Congress affirmed its commitment to the teaching of American history by appropriating \$100,000,000 to teaching American history through the Leave No Child Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–110): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates July as “American History
3 Month”;

4 (2) recognizes that “American History Month”
5 is an important time to recognize, reflect, and affirm
6 the importance of learning and appreciating the his-
7 tory of the United States; and

- 1 (3) encourages parents and educators to ac-
- 2 tively expose children to the importance of American
- 3 history and historic preservation.

