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Joint Resolution

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Authorizing a celebration of the American patent system.

Whereas there occurred on July 4, 1961, the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Patent Act of 1836 which created the present examination system for the grant of patents and which established the United States Patent Office as a separate and distinct bureau; and 5 Stat. 117.

Whereas there will be granted in the year 1961 the three millionth patent since the enactment of this Patent Act; and

Whereas the patent grant is a traditional incentive for the promotion of the progress of the useful arts thereby contributing notably to the well-being of people everywhere; and

Whereas encouragement of invention is essential to the continued economic and technological development of this Nation, particularly in the light of our international relationships and obligations; and

Whereas it is fitting that this anniversary of this important Patent Act and the establishment of the Patent Office which proved so advantageous to this country and to the other countries of the world should be observed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce and the Commissioner of Patents and such other persons or groups as they may designate be authorized to make suitable arrangements for an appropriate observance to show the important role of the American patent system and the United States Patent Office in the growth and progress of the United States of America; and be it further The American Patent System Week.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to designate the week of October 15, 1961, as "The American Patent System Week", to invite a general public commemoration of an event which has proved to be so important to this Nation and to the world.

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