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House Resolution

A resolution encouraging observation of "A Fortnight of Patriotism in Florida" during the period from June 14, 1997, to July 4, 1997.

WHEREAS, Congress designated June 14 as Flag Day to commemorate the flag of the United States and celebrate our nation's symbol of freedom, and

WHEREAS, brave men and women of the United States have fought to secure freedom for all the citizens of the United States, and the flag symbolizes the many lives that have been given for this freedom, and

WHEREAS, democracy, patriotism, and love of country are important to the people of the United States, as are such national symbols as the flag and the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," which was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 to honor our nation's flag, and

WHEREAS, July 4 is the national Independence Day holiday which commemorates the birth and independence of the United States, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

That the House of Representatives of the State of Florida hereby encourages observation of "A Fortnight of Patriotism in Florida" during the period from Flag Day, June 14, 1997, to Independence Day, July 4, 1997, and, further, urges all Floridians to rekindle the fire of patriotism during this celebration of flag and country by exhibiting "Old Glory"

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2 and places of business throughout the state.  
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