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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 245th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on
2 November 10, 2020.

3 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps was founded as the
4 Continental Marines by a resolution passed by the Second
5 Continental Congress on November 10, 1775, which raised two
6 battalions of Marines; and

7 WHEREAS, The birth of the Marine Corps was to augment naval
8 forces in the Revolutionary War; and

9 WHEREAS, The Tun Tavern on Water Street in Philadelphia, the
10 original recruiting headquarters, is considered the Marine
11 Corps' birthplace; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1798, President John Adams signed the law
13 establishing the Marine Corps as a permanent military force
14 under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy; and

15 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on

1 six continents and in every conflict in American history,
2 including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I,
3 World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict; and

4 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has also served in support of
5 Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi
6 Freedom; and

7 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought valiantly in defense of
8 the United States and its citizens and principles; and

9 WHEREAS, There are approximately 185,400 active duty and
10 38,500 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, Marines recognize the Marine Corps as a tradition
12 built on time-honored values and principles; and

13 WHEREAS, Marines truly embody the motto of the Marine Corps,
14 Semper Fidelis, which translates from Latin as "always faithful"
15 and signifies the defense of freedom and democracy worldwide;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima, the famous photograph
18 by Joe Rosenthal, will always symbolize the triumph and glory of
19 the Marine Corps; and

20 WHEREAS, The Marine Air-Ground Task Force integrates a ground
21 combat element, an aviation combat element and a logistics
22 combat element under a common command element; and

23 WHEREAS, Known for amphibious and land capabilities, the
24 Marine Air-Ground Task Force operates independently or as part
25 of a larger coalition; and

26 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought the famed Battle
27 of Belleau Wood, establishing a reputation for toughness and
28 fierceness; and

29 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps played a central role in the
30 liberation of the Pacific Islands during World War II; and

1 WHEREAS, The momentum of the Korean War shifted when the
2 Marine Corps, in conjunction with the Navy, launched a massive
3 amphibious attack at Inchon, surprising the North Koreans by
4 putting thousands of United States troops behind enemy lines;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps participated in major offensives of
7 the Vietnam Conflict, engaging in guerrilla warfare,
8 implementing unconventional techniques for counterinsurgency and
9 working as military advisors to the Republic of Vietnam Marine
10 Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, From 1990 to 1991, Marines participated in Operation
12 Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, leading the liberation
13 of Kuwait and the defeat of Iraqi forces; and

14 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps continues to make significant
15 contributions to the war on terrorism; and

16 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps supports peacekeeping missions and
17 humanitarian operations in numerous countries, including
18 Liberia, Bangladesh, the Philippines and Somalia; and

19 WHEREAS, Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, written by
20 Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune, Major General Commandant of
21 the Marine Corps, established the mandatory celebration of the
22 Marine Corps' birthday; and

23 WHEREAS, Balls and banquets have been added to the
24 celebration starting with the first formal dance in 1923 at Fort
25 Mifflin Marine Barracks; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 245th
27 birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 2020.