

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 272

Commemorating the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution  
of the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following  
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 230th anniversary of the signing of  
the Constitution of the United States.

Whereas, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the  
United States was signed by 39 delegates from 12 States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States was subse-  
quently ratified by each of the original 13 States;

Whereas James Madison and the other delegates drafted the  
Constitution of the United States “in Order to form a  
more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic  
Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the  
general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty” for  
the people of the United States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States has provided  
the means and structure for the United States and the

people of the United States to achieve a level of prosperity, liberty, security, and justice that is unparalleled among nations;

Whereas the contributions of the Constitution of the United States to the welfare of individuals reach far beyond the borders of the United States;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States—

(1) was the first permanent constitution in the world adopted by elected representatives;

(2) includes seminal ideas about individual rights, the separation of powers, and the rule of law; and

(3) has inspired the constitutional systems of government of countries throughout the world;

Whereas the Constitution of the United States has been amended 27 times since its adoption and includes amendments that reflect the will of the people of the United States “to form a more perfect Union”, such as amendments to recognize and protect individual rights, eliminate slavery, and expand the franchise;

Whereas the Senate continues to strive to preserve and strengthen the values and rights bestowed on the United States and the people of the United States by the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the preservation in the hearts and minds of the people of the United States of the values and rights expressed in the Constitution of the United States would be advanced by an official recognition on September 17, 2017, of the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) on September 17, 2017, commemorates the  
2           230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution  
3           of the United States; and

4           (2) calls on the people of the United States to  
5           observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and re-  
6           spect, including by reading the Constitution of the  
7           United States and reflecting on the enduring struc-  
8           ture of government built by the Founders and suc-  
9           cessive generations of people of the United States.

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