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Joint Resolution

To commemorate the bicentennial of the enactment of the law which provided civil government for the territory from which the State of Tennessee was formed.

July 6, 1990 [H.J. Res. 555]

Whereas on May 26, 1790, President George Washington signed into law the Act entitled "An Act for the government of the territory of the United States, south of the river Ohio";

Whereas the State of Tennessee, which was formed from such territory, was the first State to be admitted to the Union from territorial status;

Whereas, from 1790 to 1792, a log cabin known as "Rocky Mount" served as that territory's first territorial capitol; and

Whereas William Blount, the first governor of that territory, resided at Rocky Mount during the period of time referred to in the preceding clause: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe May 26, 1990, with appropriate ceremonies and activities to mark the bicentennial of the enactment of the Act entitled "An Act for the government of the territory of the United States, south of the river Ohio".

Approved July 6, 1990.

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