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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
OCTOBER 3, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 242nd birthday of the United States Marine Corps on
2 November 10, 2017.

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

under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy; and

WHEREAS, The Marine Corps has fought with great courage on six continents and in every conflict in American history, including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict; and

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

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

WHEREAS, There are approximately 184,000 active duty and more than 38,000 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor the 242nd
29 birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 2017.