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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 5, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the 243rd birthday of the United State Marine Corps on  
2 November 10, 2018.

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

1 under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy; and

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, There are approximately 194,000 active duty and more  
12 than 40,000 reserve members of the Marine Corps; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 WHEREAS, During World War I, Marines fought the famed Battle  
29 of Belleau Wood, establishing a reputation for toughness and  
30 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 243rd  
29 birthday of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 2018.