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4/13/76

APPROVED

APR 13 1976

*ceremony & remarks
at Jefferson Memorial
12:30 pm*

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

Last Day: April 13

April 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM CANNON *[Signature]*

SUBJECT:

H.J. Res. 670
Thomas Jefferson Day

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Attached for your consideration is H.J. Res. 670, sponsored by Representative McClory, which authorizes and requests that you proclaim April 13, 1976 as Thomas Jefferson Day.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Jack Marsh, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) Ted Marrs and I recommend approval of the enrolled resolution and the attached proclamation which has been cleared by the White House Editorial Office (Smith). OMB has no objection to the proposed proclamation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you sign H.J. Res. 670 at Tab B.

That you sign the proclamation at Tab C.

NOTE:

"The Proclamation" was not signed at the Jefferson Memorial. It was signed at the White House later in the day on 4/13/76. (Tom Jones)





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

APR 7 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J. Res. 670 - Thomas
Jefferson Day
Sponsor - Rep. McClory (R) Illinois

Last Day for Action

Date in the enrolled resolution requires immediate action.

Purpose

Authorizes and requests that you proclaim April 13, 1976,
as "Thomas Jefferson Day," in honor of the birthday of
the third President.

Agency Recommendation

Office of Management and Budget

Approval

Discussion

The enrolled resolution would designate April 13, 1976,
as "Thomas Jefferson Day," in honor of the 233rd anniver-
sary of his birth. It also requests that you issue a
proclamation to that effect, calling upon the Nation to
honor the memory of the third President with appropriate
ceremonies and activities.

House floor debate on H.J. Res. 670 indicates that because
of President Jefferson's illustrious career -- including
his roles as author of the Declaration of Independence,
member of the Virginia House of Delegates, founder of the
University of Virginia, Governor of the Commonwealth,
U.S. Ambassador to France, Secretary of State, Vice
President and President -- the Members believed that
enactment of this measure would be a fitting way to honor
President Jefferson during this Bicentennial year.



No Executive branch agencies were asked to comment on this legislation.

A proposed proclamation is attached for your consideration. Attorneys in the Justice Department, who review draft proclamations as to form and legality, have informally advised us that the Department has no objection to its issuance.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Attachments



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: Enrolled Res. H. J. Res. 670 - Thomas Jefferson Day

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies
that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments

*But Mr. Clony wants to
be present for this signing*



THE WHITE HOUSE

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ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: April 7

Time: 615pm

FOR ACTION: Jack Marsh
 Robert Hartmann ✓ cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh
 Ken Lazarus Ed Schmults
 Max Friedersdorf

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: April 8

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

4/8 - 8:00 am

Enrolled Res. H.J. Res 670 - Thomas Jefferson Day

ACTION REQUESTED:

___ For Necessary Action

___ For Your Recommendations

___ Prepare Agenda and Brief

___ Draft Reply

X

___ For Your Comments

___ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

4/8 - sent to Gwen for researching. nm

Revised, edited version is attached.

RJ Smith 4/12/76

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

James M. Cannon
For the President



THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: April 8

Time: 300pm

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Res. H.J. Res 670 - Thomas Jefferson Day

ACTION REQUESTED:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Necessary Action | <input type="checkbox"/> For Your Recommendations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Agenda and Brief | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Reply |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Your Comments | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Remarks |

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT JACK
 MARSH AND TED MARRS ARE REWRITING,
 I WILL DEFER TO THOSE EXPERTS. HOWEVER,
 I AGREE THE PROCLAMATION SHOULD BE
 REWRITTEN.

M. Cannon

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No objection -- Ken Lazarus 4/8/76

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For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

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FOR ACTION:

Jack Marsh *rewriting*

Robert Hartmann

Ken Lazarus *as*

Max Friedersdorff *ok*

Milt Milter *ok as rewritten*

Ted Marrs *rewriting*

cc (for information):

Jim Cavanaugh

Ed Schmults

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For Your Recommendations

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Draft Remarks

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Cannon 4/12 600pm

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James M. Cannon
For the President



OFFICE OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
UPON SIGNING
S. 2920 AND H.J. RES 670
TWO BILLS HONORING THOMAS JEFFERSON
AND
COMMEMORATING THE BIRTH OF THOMAS JEFFERSON
THE THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

12:20 P.M. EST

Secretary Kleppe, Captain Barnes, distinguished guests -- including the fine choir from the College of William and Mary, Thomas Jefferson's alma mater -- ladies and gentlemen:

Today we pay tribute to Thomas Jefferson. Two hundred years of American history have produced no man whose achievements are better known. In his own epitaph he cited just three -- author of the Declaration of American Independence, author of the Statute of Virginia for Religious Freedom and father of the University of Virginia.

Had those been only his basic accomplishment, he would have earned his place in history, and our unyielding gratitude, but we know Jefferson in other ways as well. We know the character of the man who embodied our national heritage by encompassing the spirit of pioneer and aristocrat, American and world citizen, the values of nature and the values of civilization.

In politics, we know him as a lawyer and as a legislator, as a member of the Continental Congress, Ambassador to France, our nation's third President, and its first Secretary of State. In our national life, we know him as a scientist and agronomist, as an artist, architect and inventor.

Thomas Jefferson's achievements range from our decimal system of coinage to the great area of our nation itself, which he doubled through the Louisiana Purchase. But, Thomas Jefferson's contributions to our nation's history is far, far more than the sum of these diverse accomplishments. The very range of his interests has heightened his impact on later generations.

MORE



It is a quirk of history that Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, both signers of the Declaration of Independence, died on July 4, 1826, 50 years to the day of its adoption. John Adams last words were "Jefferson still lives." History shows Adams was wrong because Jefferson had died a mere five hours earlier, but history also has confirmed Adams words because Thomas Jefferson lives in each of us.

We are all his successors, and it is up to us, not history, to see that Jefferson's faith survives. Great citizens and their great thoughts are not just for their own time, but forever. Jefferson's true importance lies in the fact that he continues to speak of the American experience.

In every generation, Americans have turned to Jefferson for comfort and inspiration. They have found new meanings, often conflicting meanings, in his words. In their search for Jefferson's spirit, Americans have sought themselves. To Abraham Lincoln, the principles of Jefferson were the definitions and axioms of free society, a society he was struggling to preserve, and Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, gave those principles new significance.

Three generations later, another great American leader, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, locked in another war for freedom, dedicated this memorial as a shrine to freedom. On the 200th anniversary of Jefferson's birth, he called for a commitment to Jefferson's cause not by words alone, but by sacrifice. In this 200th year of the nation Jefferson helped to found, it seems our America has changed so much that when we compare it with Jefferson's America, the differences are more striking than the similarities.

We are no longer a young, isolated, agricultural nation but an industrial giant in a nuclear age. Thomas Jefferson would have been the first to recognize that different times demands different policies. He stressed that the earth belongs always to the living generation. In our Bicentennial year, we turn once again to Jefferson's words and find them surprisingly modern.

Jefferson's principle of limited Government, his concern about excessive centralization of Governmental power at the expense of State and local responsibility, and individual freedom are as much a part of the debate of 1976 as they were in 1776.

I believe that in this debate the wisdom and the philosophy of Jefferson will prevail. We find he believed that not every difference of opinion is a difference of principle and that he tolerated error in the confidence that truth would triumph.

MORE

Jefferson was a fervent believer in freedom of the press. Although harshly attacked and often vilified, he maintained an unfettered press was essential to American freedom. We find the meaning of democracy in his immortal words, that "Though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable, that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect."

We find he put his trust in the people whom he believed to be basically moderate, patriotic and freedom-loving, and we find above all else his love for freedom and independence. Today, we recognize this in two symbolic gestures.

Jefferson's belief in the freedom and independence of the human mind we honor today by an Act of Congress which names one building of the Library of Congress after him, and Jefferson's belief in the freedom and independence of the American people we honor today by an Act of Congress which designates today as Thomas Jefferson Day.

I believe as we move into our third century of independence there will be an even greater emphasis by our people to find ways and means to meet our needs while limiting the role of Government in the classical Jefferson sense. I see the third century of American independence as a century of individualism.

I see it as a century of personal achievement and fulfillment for all Americans. Let us honor Thomas Jefferson this year and throughout the the next century of our independence by weaving into our national life the qualities, the talents and the ideals which were the warp and woof of his.

Let us practice the responsible individualism and thereby pay tribute to the man we commemorate here. Let us dedicate ourselves to achievement so that we may make this country what it has the potential to be. Let us maintain for America its rightful place of leadership in the councils of nations of the world.

Let us extend the boundaries of human freedom here at home and beyond our shores. Let us accept and discharge the responsibilities as a people upon whom providence has bestowed so much. Let us be enlightened as a nation with appreciation for learning, for reason and for justice for all our people.

In this way, my fellow Americans, we shall pay honor to the man from Monticello.

MORE

It is now my honor to sign two pieces of legislation relating to Thomas Jefferson. I would like to ask the Members of Congress present to join me at the signing table.

It is now my pleasure to sign House Joint Resolution 670, designating April 13 as Thomas Jefferson Day. Representative Bob McClory was the principal sponsor, and so as I sign this, I will give him this pen and we will distribute the others.

Now it is my honor to sign S. 2920, the legislation which officially designates the Library of Congress Annex as the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building. I think on this occasion it would be appropriate to give this pen to the senior Senator from Virginia, the Honorable Harry Byrd.

Thank you.

END

(AT 12:32 P.M. EST)

THOMAS JEFFERSON DAY

MARCH 30, 1976.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mrs. SCHROEDER, from the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.J. Res 670]

The Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 670) to designate April 13, 1976, as "Thomas Jefferson Day," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of House Joint Resolution 670 is to designate April 13, 1976, as "Thomas Jefferson Day."

COMMITTEE ACTION

The Post Office and Civil Service Committee, by unanimous voice vote, ordered House Joint Resolution 670 reported on March 18, 1976. Pursuant to the committee policy on commemorative legislation the sponsor of the resolution obtained the support of a majority of the Members of the House for this bill.

JUSTIFICATION

The justification for the enactment of this joint resolution proclaiming April 13, 1976, as "Thomas Jefferson Day," needs no explanation. He was, in his own words:

Author of the Declaration of Independence;
Author of the Virginia Statutes of Religious Freedom;
Founder of the University of Virginia.

April 13, 1976, will be the 233d anniversary of his birth.

COST

No cost would be incurred by the enactment of this legislation.

COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE 2(1)(3) OF RULE XI

With respect to the requirement of clause 2(1) (3) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives—

(A) The Subcommittee on Census and Population is vested under the Committee Rules with legislative and oversight jurisdiction and responsibility over the subject matter of House Joint Resolution 670 and made no specific findings and recommendations in connection with its oversight responsibilities on this resolution;

(B) The measure does not provide new budget authority or new increased tax expenditures within the meaning of section 3 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and thus a statement required by section 308(a) of that act is not necessary;

(C) No estimate or comparison of costs has been received by the committee from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, pursuant to section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974; and

(D) The committee has received no report from the Committee on Government Operations of oversight findings and recommendations arrived at pursuant to clause 2(b) (2) of rule XI.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 2(1) (4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee has concluded that since no costs will be incurred under House Joint Resolution 670, no inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the national economy will occur.

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Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the nineteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-six*

Joint Resolution

To designate April 13, 1976, as "Thomas Jefferson Day".

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 13, 1976, the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, is designated as "Thomas Jefferson Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling for the observance of such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

April 6, 1976

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bill was received at the White House on April 6th:

H.J. Res. 670

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.