

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 148

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of President Thomas Woodrow Wilson's Mother's Day proclamation.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 20, 2014
Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 28, 2014

WHEREAS, Thomas Woodrow Wilson was born in Staunton on December 28, 1856, and was elected the 28th President of the United States of America; he held the office from 1913 to 1921; and

WHEREAS, among his many accomplishments, President Wilson issued a proclamation recognizing the first national Mother's Day in 1914, as established by a joint resolution of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, President Wilson proclaimed: "I ... by virtue of the authority vested in me by the said Joint Resolution, do hereby direct the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings and do invite the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country"; and

WHEREAS, May 11, 2014, will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Mother's Day proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library will mark the occasion by offering free admission and a special Mother's Day card featuring information about the holiday's origins and mission to celebrate the service and sacrifices of mothers throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library will donate a portion of proceeds on Mother's Day 2014 to Women for Women International, an organization that supports women survivors of war; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commemorate the 100th anniversary of President Thomas Woodrow Wilson's Mother's Day proclamation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for President Wilson's work to honor mothers around the world.

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