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S. J. RES. 169

To commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the first patent and the first copyright laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 23 (legislative day, JULY 16), 1985

Mr. MATHIAS (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DOLE, Mr. LAXALT, Mr. DENTON, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. GOLDWATER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. STAFFORD, Mr. ZORINSKY, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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JOINT RESOLUTION

To commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the first patent and the first copyright laws.

Whereas the Constitution empowers Congress "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries";

Whereas the enforcement of this constitutional principle through specific patent and copyright laws merits special recognition;

Whereas the first patent bill signed into law on April 10, 1790, and the first copyright bill was signed into law on May 31, 1790, and we will recognize the bicentennial anniversary of these laws in 1990: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That special recognition be given during 1990, the bicentennial year of the first patent and the first copyright laws, and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation upon the enactment of this joint resolution calling upon the people of the United States to foster such recognition through appropriate educational and cultural programs and activities.

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