



## H.RES. 578 – EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL WATERMELON MONTH

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 578 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Adam Putnam (R-FL) on June 26, 2007. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and was agreed to, as amended, on March 13, 2008.

H.Res. 578 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on April 29, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 578 resolves that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month to recognize the health benefits of eating watermelon and the importance of watermelon to the agriculture industry of the United States.

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### BACKGROUND

In the U.S., watermelon is grown in 49 States, producing 4.2 billion pounds of watermelon annually according to the Department of Agriculture. Watermelon is a heart-healthy food according to the American Heart Association, and contains antioxidants, and is a source of vitamins A, B6, and C, fiber, and potassium.

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