



## H.Res. 1219 – Celebrating the symbol of the United States flag and supporting the goals and ideals of Flag Day

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1219 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 Robert Latta (R-OH) on May 21, 2008. The resolution was ordered to be reported by voice vote by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on June 12, 2008.

H.Res. 1219 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 17, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Res. 1219 resolves that the House of Representatives celebrates the United States flag and supports the goals and ideals of Flag Day.

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### BACKGROUND

Flag Day is a holiday celebrated annually on June 14. Flag Day marks the adoption of the United States flag by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Though not a Federal holiday, the celebration was officially established by Congress in 1949. The President typically issues a proclamation urging Americans to fly the United States flag for the duration of a week beginning with Flag Day.

The United States flag consists of 13 horizontal alternating red and white stripes and a blue rectangle bearing 50 white stars. Nicknames for the flag include the stars and stripes, Old Glory, and the star-spangled banner. The United States Flag Code, a federal law, outlines standards for the display, use, and disposal of the flag.

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