

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. 977

Commemorating the life and legacy of Jean-Louis de K  rouac on the
centennial of his birth on March 12, 2022.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2022

Mrs. TRAHAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the life and legacy of Jean-Louis de
K  rouac on the centennial of his birth on March 12, 2022.

Whereas Jean-Louis de K  rouac, better known as “Jack”,
was a giant of American literature and favorite son of
Lowell, Massachusetts;

Whereas, alongside Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs,
Jack Kerouac ignited the literary movement in the 1950s
known as the “Beat Generation”;

Whereas the Beat Generation’s rebuke against traditional
values and materialism created the foundation for subse-
quent counterculture movements in America and beyond;

Whereas the beatnik stereotype dominated popular media and
culture in the 1950s and 1960s, an amalgamation of
Kerouac’s self-expressive, unconventional characters;

Whereas the “Beatles” took their name after the movement,
 while artists such as Bob Dylan and Jim Morrison cite
 Kerouac’s work as major influences; and

Whereas, more than half a century since his death, Kerouac’s
 novels still fire the imagination, particularly of young
 people, and serve as a tribute to their culture-changing
 origins: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives recog-
 2 nizes and commemorates the enduring contribution of
 3 Jack Kerouac’s work to American literary culture and be-
 4 yond on the centennial of his birth.

