

117TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 433

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Poppy Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. CARSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Poppy Day”.

Whereas poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to fallen and future veterans and members of the Armed Forces;

Whereas the use of the poppy symbolically comes from the poem “In Flanders Fields”, which movingly begins, “In Flanders Fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row”, referring to the poppies that sprang up in the churned-up earth of newly dug soldiers’ graves in parts of Belgium and France following World War I;

Whereas at the end of World War I, the American Legion adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by members of the Armed Forces in war;

Whereas the American Legion family has long utilized the red poppy as its official flower, symbolizing the blood

shed by those who have served in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas the poppy is worn in England and Canada on Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day and Poppy Day, to commemorate members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty;

Whereas as the United States commemorates yearly the sacrifices of American lives during World War I and the American Legion honors those sacrifices through its indefatigable efforts, it is fitting to expand the meaning of the poppy and formally recognize its historic symbolism;

Whereas wearing a poppy can unite citizens from across the country who wish to show their patriotism and appreciation for those who serve as members of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas the Friday before each Memorial Day is an appropriate day to recognize as “National Poppy Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of “National
3 Poppy Day”; and

4 (2) encourages all citizens, residents, and visi-
5 tors of the United States to join in observing “Na-
6 tional Poppy Day” to honor every member of the
7 Armed Forces who has died in the name of liberty,
8 freedom, and democracy while also showing their

- 1 support for living veterans, members of the Armed
- 2 Forces, and their families.

