

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. J. RES. _____

Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize a unique and 1-time arrangement for certain displays on Mount Rushmore National Memorial relating to the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States during the period beginning August 18, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2020.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. THUNE introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the Secretary of the Interior to authorize a unique and 1-time arrangement for certain displays on Mount Rushmore National Memorial relating to the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States during the period beginning August 18, 2020, and ending on September 30, 2020.

Whereas, on May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives adopted House Joint Resolution 1, 66th Congress, proposing an amendment to the Constitution extending the right of suffrage to women;

Whereas, on June 4, 1919, the Senate adopted House Joint Resolution 1, 66th Congress, sending to the States for

ratification the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas, on August 18, 1920, the 36th State approved the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, satisfying the constitutional threshold of passage in $\frac{3}{4}$ of the States;

Whereas, on August 26, 1920, Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby certified the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas section 431(a)(3) of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31; 131 Stat. 502), enacted into law S. 847, 115th Congress (as introduced on April 5, 2017), which established the Women’s Suffrage Centennial Commission “to ensure a suitable observance of the centennial of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for women’s suffrage”;

Whereas August 18, 2020, marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the States;

Whereas August 26, 2020, marks the centennial of the 19th Amendment becoming a part of the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for women’s suffrage should be honored and celebrated: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That Congress—

4 (1) requests the Secretary of the Interior to au-
5 thorize a unique and 1-time arrangement to com-
6 memorate the centennial of the passage of the 19th
7 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
8 entitled “LOOK UP TO HER at Mount Rushmore”
9 with a display of historical artifacts, digital content,
10 film footage, and associated historical audio and im-
11 agery in and around the vicinity of the Mount Rush-
12 more National Memorial, including projected onto
13 the surface of the Mount Rushmore National Memo-
14 rial to the left and right of the sculpture for 14
15 nights of public display during the period beginning
16 on August 18, 2020, and ending on September 30,
17 2020; and

18 (2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
19 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
20 tion to—

21 (A) the Secretary of the Interior; and

22 (B) the Lincoln Borglum Museum at the
23 Mount Rushmore National Memorial.