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Senate Passes Peters, Kennedy Resolution Designating Patriot Week

Patriot Week, From September 11th-17th, Honors Victims of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks and Celebrates Constitution Day; Was Co-founded by Oakland County Judge Michael Warren

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D–MI) and John Kennedy (R–LA) applauded Senate passage of a bipartisan resolution they introduced designating September 11th through September 17th as Patriot Week. Cofounded by Judge Michael Warren of Oakland County, Michigan, Patriot Week would honor the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks, celebrate Constitution Day on the 17th and encourage students to learn more about the history of the United States.

"I'm pleased that the Senate passed my bipartisan resolution designating this week as Patriot Week," said Senator Peters. "A national week of remembrance allows us to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11 and pay tribute to the courageous sacrifice of the first responders and provides an opportunity for future generations of students to learn more about the leaders and events that helped shape the American story. I am thankful for all the work Oakland County Judge Warren has done to champion this important cause, and I was proud to partner with him and Senator Kennedy on this resolution."

"Today is a fitting time to celebrate the strength of the American spirit," said Senator Kennedy. "All of us remember where we were on 9/11 when the planes hit the towers and the Pentagon because it was clear that our country was under attack. Even this nation's capital, the site of so much American history, wasn't spared. We can't forget 9/11 or any chapter in American history. Collectively, they tell a story that shouldn't be forgotten."

"As a grassroots organization started when my then 10 year old daughter Leah pounded on a table and demanded a new celebration for America, we are deeply honored that the United States Senate has officially recognized Patriot Week," said Patriot Week co-creator Judge Michael Warren. "We invite all Americans to join us as we renew America's spirit by celebrating the First Principles, Founding Fathers and other patriots, vital documents, and speeches and flags that make America the greatest nation in world history."

"In this time of division and rancor, Patriot Week is a nonpartisan initiative that reminds us of the Constitution and foundational first principles that unite us as Americans," said Jennifer Grieco, President, State Bar of Michigan. "By deepening our appreciation for the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the struggle for the rule of law and liberty, Patriot Week is sorely needed to help renew the

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spirit of America."

Through the advocacy of Judge Warren and his organization, over ten states have officially recognized Patriot Week with official gubernatorial proclamations and legislative resolutions. Peters, is a former Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve and he volunteered to serve again after the attacks on September 11th.

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