



Introduced Version

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Yocom

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the Daughters of
2 the American Revolution and the National Society of the Sons
3 of the American Revolution, and celebrating the 250th
4 anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

5 *Whereas, The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)*
6 *is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service*
7 *organization founded in 1890 and headquartered in*
8 *Washington, D.C.;*

9 *Whereas, DAR is dedicated to promoting patriotism,*
10 *preserving American history, and securing America's future*
11 *through better education for children;*

12 *Whereas, DAR members volunteer millions of service hours*
13 *annually in their local communities, including supporting*
14 *active duty military personnel and assisting veteran patients,*

20262378

HR 1518/DI 140

2026



1 *awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships and financial
2 aid each year to students, and supporting schools for
3 underserved children with annual donations exceeding one
4 million dollars;*

5 *Whereas, DAR prides itself on being one of the most
6 inclusive genealogical societies in the country, and they boast
7 nearly 190,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United
8 States and abroad, including Australia, Austria, the Bahamas,
9 Canada, France, Germany, Guam, Ireland, Italy, Japan,
10 Mexico, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Any woman 18 years
11 or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background,
12 who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American
13 Revolution, is eligible for membership;*

14 *Whereas, DAR's motto is "God, Home, and Country";*

15 *Whereas, In 1876, in San Francisco, California, a group of
16 men who were descendants of patriots involved in the American
17 Revolution formed an organization called the Sons of
18 Revolutionary Sires intending to create a fraternal and civic
19 society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives,
20 fortunes, and sacred honor to the battle for independence from
21 Great Britain;*

22 *Whereas, The Sons of Revolutionary Sires grew into the
23 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR),
24 which was organized on April 30, 1889, the one hundredth
25 anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the
26 nation's first president, and the United States Congress passed
27 an act to charter the National Society on June 9, 1906, which
28 was signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was
29 also a member of the Empire State Society, SAR;*

30 *Whereas, SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society
31 composed of lineal descendants of the patriots who wintered at
32 Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought
33 in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the
34 Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of
35 American Independence;*

36 *Whereas, SAR seeks to maintain and extend the institutions*

20262378



1 *of American freedom, patriotism, and respect for national
2 symbols, including, but not limited to, promoting pride in being
3 American citizens and the unifying force of the country's motto,
4 "e pluribus unum";*

5 *Whereas, The Second Continental Congress adopted the
6 Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and the
7 engrossed copy was signed by most of the delegates on August
8 2, 1776;*

9 *Whereas, July 4, 2026, will mark the 250th anniversary of
10 the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, and August 2,
11 2026, will mark the 250th anniversary of its signing;*

12 *Whereas, The signing of the Declaration of Independence
13 marked the formal dissolution of the ties of the 13 American
14 colonies with Great Britain, the beginning of their statehood
15 and national identity, and the dawning of a new era of freedom
16 in America and the world;*

17 *Whereas, These Founding Fathers, relying on the direction
18 from and protection of Divine Providence, pledged to each
19 other their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor in
20 defense of this action;*

21 *Whereas, The Declaration of Independence paved the way
22 for the birth of the Republic and it has become part of the
23 national culture, with its principles ingrained in the
24 consciousness of all Americans;*

25 *Whereas, The fundamental genius of the United States is
26 embodied in the Declaration's recognition that "all men are
27 created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with
28 certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty,
29 and the Pursuit of Happiness"; and*

30 *Whereas, The Declaration of Independence affirms that
31 governments are instituted to protect those rights, and the
32 Declaration acknowledged these self-evident truths, which
33 constituted one of the most revolutionary philosophical
34 developments in history and began an unparalleled national
35 experiment: Therefore,*

20262378



1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

3 SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives recognizes
4 the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National
5 Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and celebrates
6 the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of
7 Independence.

8 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to State
10 Representative Tim Yocum for distribution.

20262378

HR 1518/DI 140

2026

