

H. J. RES. 555

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 1971

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THE NATIONAL AMERICAN SQUARE DANCE



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THESE RESOLUTIONS SPAN MORE THAN 320 YEARS OF AMERICAN HERITAGE.

The national feeling and pride can best be expressed by the words of the RESOLUTIONS.

Now, therefore, let the Congress of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA act in the best interest of all Americans.

WE SUPPORT HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 555, 439 and 188.

WE SUPPORT A NATIONAL AMERICAN FOLK DANCE.

MAY WE ALSO COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT FOR A FOLK DANCE?