

MAR 14 2003
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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18
2 BY SHOULTZ
3 A Concurrent Resolution designating March 16 annually
4 as Liberty Day.
5 WHEREAS, we, as citizens of the United States of
6 America, enjoy liberties established in and derived
7 from documents that our founding fathers created,
8 including the Declaration of Independence and the
9 United States Constitution containing the Bill of
10 Rights; and
11 WHEREAS, James Madison was the author of the
12 Virginia Plan, which served as the model for and basis
13 of the forming of a new Constitution at the
14 Constitutional Convention of 1787, establishing our
15 new form of government in place of the Articles of
16 Confederation; and
17 WHEREAS, James Madison was the author of the
18 Federalist Papers, which were a series of newspaper
19 articles outlining the reasons why states should
20 endorse the new Constitution; and
21 WHEREAS, James Madison served in the United States
22 House of Representatives from 1789 until 1797, during
23 which time he introduced into Congress the Bill of
24 Rights; and
25 WHEREAS, James Madison served as President of the
26 United States from 1809 until 1817; and
27 WHEREAS, March 16, 2003, is the two hundred fifty-
28 second anniversary of the birth of James Madison; NOW
29 THEREFORE,
30 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE

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1 SENATE CONCURRING, That March 16 shall annually be
2 designated as Liberty Day; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
4 Resolution be sent to the Department of Education for
5 distribution throughout the elementary and secondary
6 public school system in this state.

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