

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Designating the week of June 4 through June 10, 2018, as “Hemp History Week”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. McCONNELL)  
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Designating the week of June 4 through June 10, 2018,  
as “Hemp History Week”.

Whereas Hemp History Week will be held from June 4  
through June 10, 2018;

Whereas the goals of Hemp History Week are to commemo-  
rate the historical relevance of industrial hemp in the  
United States and to promote the full growth potential  
of the industrial hemp industry;

Whereas industrial hemp is an agricultural commodity that  
has been used for centuries to produce many innovative  
industrial and consumer products, including soap, fabric,  
textiles, construction materials, clothing, paper, cos-  
metics, food, and beverages;

Whereas the global market for hemp is estimated to consist of more than 25,000 products;

Whereas the value of hemp imported into the United States for use in the production of other retail products is estimated at approximately \$76,000,000 annually;

Whereas the United States hemp industry estimates that the annual market value of hemp retail sales in the United States is more than \$688,000,000;

Whereas, despite the legitimate uses of hemp, many agricultural producers of the United States are prohibited under current law from growing hemp;

Whereas, because most hemp cannot be grown legally in the United States, raw hemp material and hemp products are imported for sale in the United States;

Whereas the United States is the largest consumer of hemp products in the world, but the United States is the only major industrialized country that restricts hemp farming; and

Whereas industrial hemp holds great potential to bolster the agricultural economy of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates the week of June 4 through June  
3       10, 2018, as “Hemp History Week”;

4               (2) recognizes the historical relevance of indus-  
5       trial hemp; and

6               (3) recognizes the growing economic potential  
7       of industrial hemp.