

[CHAPTER 730]

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Jefferson.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a Commission to be known as the United States Commission for the Celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Thomas Jefferson (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), and to be composed of nineteen commissioners, as follows:

Composition.

The President of the United States; presiding officer of the Senate; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, ex officio; eight persons to be appointed by the President of the United States; four Senators by the President pro tempore of the Senate; and four Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 1037.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this joint resolution.

Duty of Commissioners.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners, after promulgating to the American people an address relative to the reason of its creation and of its purpose, to prepare a plan or plans and a program for the signaling of the event, to commemorate which they are brought into being; and to give due and proper consideration to any plan or plans which may be submitted to them; and to take such steps as may be necessary in the coordination and correlation of plans prepared by State commissioners, or by bodies created under appointment by the Governors of the respective States and by representative civic bodies; and if the participation of other nations in the commemoration be deemed advisable, to communicate with governments of such nations.

Plan of celebration.

SEC. 4. That when the Commission shall have approved of a plan of celebration, then it shall submit for their consideration and approval such plan or plans, insofar as it or they may relate to the fine arts, to the Commission of Fine Arts in Washington, for their approval, and in accordance with statutory requirements.

Employment of personnel.

SEC. 5. That the Commission, after selecting a chairman and a vice chairman from among their members, may employ a secretary and such other assistants as may be needed for clerical work connected with the duties of the Commission and may also engage the services of expert advisors; and may fix their respective compensations within the amount appropriated for such purposes.

Traveling, etc., expenses.

SEC. 6. The Commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling, hotel, and other expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, out of the amount appropriated.

Report to Congress.
Post, p. 1227.

SEC. 7. The Commission shall, on or before the 1st of January 1941, make a report to the Congress in order that enabling legislation may be enacted.

Expiration of Commission.

SEC. 8. That the Commission hereby created shall expire upon the completion of its duties but not later than April 13, 1945.

When joint resolution effective.

SEC. 9. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved, September 24, 1940.