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# H. RES. 396

In honor of mothers, recognizing the significance of motherhood and the impact mothers have on raising the next generation, on the occasion of Mother's Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2023

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. SANTOS, Ms. MACE, Mr. SELF, Mr. MANN, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. LESKO, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. BABIN, Mr. FALLON, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROSE, Mr. DAVIDSON, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. EZELL, Mr. STRONG, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mrs. SPARTZ, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. BICE, Mrs. CAMMACK, and Mr. CRAWFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## RESOLUTION

In honor of mothers, recognizing the significance of motherhood and the impact mothers have on raising the next generation, on the occasion of Mother's Day.

Whereas President Woodrow Wilson issued a Presidential proclamation on May 9, 1914, establishing the first national Mother's Day holiday to celebrate America's mothers;

Whereas Mother's Day is celebrated around the world, demonstrating the historical significance and universal respect for mothers and motherhood;

Whereas, on Mother's Day, families are blessed with the opportunity to celebrate their mothers, the sacrifices mothers make daily, and everything motherhood represents;

Whereas mothers are responsible for raising the next generation and deserve to be celebrated for the special ability only they have to bring life into this world;

Whereas mothers are both strong and nurturing, traits which are critical to the development of their progeny;

Whereas mothers such as stepmothers, adopted mothers, and single mothers are also vital to the fabric of this Nation and the story of motherhood;

Whereas the definition of "mother" has come under attack in recent years from various groups that seek to diminish the significance of motherhood;

Whereas redefining motherhood attacks the fundamental truth of the human experience and ignores the intrinsic capability women have to become mothers;

Whereas the terms "birthing person", "gestational parent", "chest feeder", "menstruating people", "pregnant people", and "people with a capacity for pregnancy", among others, diminish the significance of motherhood;

Whereas the previous Congress incomprehensibly passed legislation that eliminated the term "mother" from the House Rules, tantamount to an attack on motherhood at the most fundamental level;

Whereas the Biden administration’s continual use of the term “pregnant people”, instead of “pregnant women”, is an insult to motherhood;

Whereas mothers are, by basic logic and commonsense definition, women; and

Whereas, on Sunday, May 14, 2023, the United States will celebrate Mother’s Day, thus providing Americans the opportunity to express their love and reverence for the mothers of this Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2           (1) supports policies that recognize mothers as  
3       mothers;

4           (2) acknowledges that Mother’s Day is intended  
5       specifically to commemorate motherhood and to  
6       honor the mothers of the United States;

7           (3) recognizes the importance of motherhood,  
8       the sacrifices women make when choosing to raise a  
9       family, and the invaluable contributions of mother-  
10      hood to the family, community, States, and country  
11      as a whole; and

12          (4) encourages the people of the United States  
13      to observe Mother’s Day in celebration of the women  
14      who have chosen to bring life into the world and  
15      nurture the next generation.

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