

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 240

Designating June 8, 2023, as “National Seersucker Day”, designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2023 as “Seersucker Thursday”, and designating June 2023 as “Seersucker Appreciation Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2023

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating June 8, 2023, as “National Seersucker Day”, designating every Thursday after National Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in August 2023 as “Seersucker Thursday”, and designating June 2023 as “Seersucker Appreciation Month”.

Whereas seersucker was introduced to the United States in the South in the middle of the 19th century;

Whereas seersucker suits were popularized in the United States in the early 1900s by New Orleans businessman Joseph Haspel at his Broad Street facility in New Orleans, Louisiana;

Whereas, as a lightweight, hard-wearing fabric, seersucker is mostly worn and enjoyed by the people of the United States during hot summer months;

Whereas former Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi brought Seersucker Thursday to Congress in 1996, and after the day went unobserved in 2012 and 2013, then-Representative Bill Cassidy revived the tradition in the House of Representatives in 2014 and, with the help of Senator Dianne Feinstein, has continued the tradition ever since;

Whereas the name “seersucker” originates from the Persian phrase “shir-o-shakar”, meaning “milk and sugar”, alluding to the alternating textures of the fabric;

Whereas the seersucker textile is made of cotton, linen, or silk (or combinations thereof), woven on a loom with threads at different tensions, creating alternating stripes of smooth and puckered textures that do not lay flat on one’s skin, which is what makes the fabric so breathable; and

Whereas one of the two alternating stripes in seersucker is frequently in a color, typically blue, but sometimes gray, green, tan, red, pink, or another color, which, in combination with the white stripes, creates the iconic pattern so well known today: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates June 8, 2023, as National Seer-
3 sucker Day;

4 (2) designates every Thursday after National
5 Seersucker Day through the last Thursday in Au-
6 gust 2023 as “Seersucker Thursday”;

1 (3) designates June 2023 as “Seersucker Ap-
2 preciation Month”;

3 (4) recognizes the contributions of the hard-
4 working people of the United States through the
5 wearing of seersucker, the unique warm weather
6 clothing known as the working person’s uniform;

7 (5) encourages Senators to support the objec-
8 tive of National Seersucker Day and Seersucker
9 Thursday;

10 (6) encourages local governments in the United
11 States to build partnerships with local organizations
12 and other members of the clothing industries and
13 enthusiasts to promote the wearing of seersucker;
14 and

15 (7) invites the people of the United States to
16 don their warm weather finest on National Seer-
17 sucker Day and every Seersucker Thursday.

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