# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 21, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your approval is H.J. Res. 412, a bill requesting you proclaim May 20 as "Amelia Earhart Day".

OMB, the Department of Transportation, Ken Duberstein, OPD and the Office of Cabinet Affairs concur in your signing this.

Richard G. Darman

Please Note: Because this came in late yesterday, I had the proclamation executed on your behalf -- and released on the 20th. Signing the Bill is now pro forma (but necessary).



#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

#### OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution H.J.Res. 412 - Amelia Earhart Day Sponsor - Rep. Jeffries (R) Kansas and 230 others

### Last Day for Action

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#### Purpose

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#### Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget

Approval (Draft proclamation attached)

Department of Transportation

No objection(Informally)

#### Discussion

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Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Enclosures

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400 Seventh St., S.W Washington, D.C. 20590



MAY 28 1982

The Honorable David A. Stockman Director, Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Transportation concerning H. J. Res. 412, an enrolled bill to

"Authorize and request the President to designate May 20, 1982, as 'Amelia Earhart Day'."

The enrolled bill would designate May 20, 1982, as "Amelia Earhart Day" in recognition of her valor as a woman pioneer in the field of aviation. In addition, it commemorates her solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean on May 20-21, 1932, 50 years ago.

We have no objection to the President signing the enrolled bill.

Sincerely,

John M. Fowler General Counsel

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MR. PRESIDENT:

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OMB, Transportation, Ken Duberstein, Office of Policy Development, and Office of Cabinet Affairs concur in your signing these.

Richard G. Darman

#### AMELIA EARHART DAY

# BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES A PROCLAMATION

On May 20, 1932, Amelia Earhart set out from Harbour Grace,
Newfoundland, to conquer the airlanes across the Atlantic
Ocean. Fiften hours later, she landed safely in Ireland
to become the first woman to pilot an airplane across the Atlantic.

In 1935, she became the first person to fly solo from Hawaii
to the United States mainland covering an even greater distance
than on the Atlantic flight. That same year, she
made the first nonstop flight from Mexico to New York.

Pioneer aviatrix, adventurer, journalist, and educator, Musses Earhart captured the hearts of the American people with her daring exploits. She encouraged the development of commercial aviation, then a fledgling industry, and paved the way for women to enter the field of aviation. She set numerous speed and altitude records in various airplanes and autogiros, the forerunner to the helicopter, and was the first woman to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

In June 1937, America Earhart attempted the first roundthe-world flight near the equator with her co-pilot, Frederick

J. Noonan, in a twin-engined Lockheed Electra. On July 2,
during the pair's flight from New Guinea to Howland Island
in the Central Pacific, trouble developed about aboard the

aircraft. Radio contact was lost, and no trace of either the plane or its crew was ever found.

Recognizing the great accomplishments of Amelia Earhart, the Congress has by joint resolution (H.J. Res. 412) called upon the President to designate May 20, 1982, as "Amelia Earhart Day" as a tribute to that most adventurous of the pioneer women aviators.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim May 20, 1982, as Amelia Earhart Day.

I call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies and the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen

hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United

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Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President (x2702)

Response:

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### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: DODIE LIVINGSTON

SUBJECT: Revised Text for Amelia Earhart Proclamation

Attached is a revised draft for the Amelia Earhart Proclamation. She was one of my girlhood heroes."

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Richard G. Darman Assistant to the President (x2702)

Response:

May 20, 1982

No objection.

Elizabeth H. Dole

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

May 21, 1982

The President has signed H.J. Resolution 412 which requests that May 20 be proclaimed "Amelia Earhart Day".

The President today signed S. 1131 which requires Federal agencies to pay interest on late payments to Government contractors.

## Minety-seventh Congress of the United States of America

#### AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two

## Joint Resolution

To authorize and request the President to designate May 20, 1982, as "Amelia Earhart Day".

Whereas Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as a passenger;

Whereas Amelia Earhart set a number of altitude and speed records in various airplanes and autogiros, forerunners of the helicopter; Whereas Amelia Earhart was widely hailed as an aviator and an inspiring example to all;

Whereas Amelia Earhart worked for the promotion of sound aeronautics and was a strong influence in breaking down resistance to aviation;

Whereas Amelia Earhart was the first woman in American history to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross;

Whereas Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean on May 20–21, 1932: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to designate May 20, 1982, as "Amelia Earhart Day", as a tribute to that most daring of the pioneer women aviators, and to call upon Federal, State, and local government agencies and the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.