JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the recognition of the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Columbia University in the city of New York and providing for the representation of the Government and people of the United States in the observance of this anniversary.

Whereas King's College, chartered in 1754, was one of the earliest institutions of higher learning to be established in the American colonies; and its alumni, including such famous Americans as Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Robert R. Livingston, and Gouverneur Morris, played a brilliant role in the struggle for American independence, in the formulation and adoption of the Constitution of the United States, and in the establishment of a new government dedicated to the liberty of man; and
Whereas King's College became Columbia University subsequent to the American Revolution and, in ensuing decades, has carried and enhanced the prestige of American scholarship and scientific research throughout the world and has contributed abundantly at home to the increase of learning, the betterment of the professions and the enrichment of the community generally; and

Whereas Columbia University, over the years, has given to the United States from among those trained in its schools: Two Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt; a Vice President, Daniel D. Tompkins; three Chief Justices, John Jay—first to hold that office, Charles Evans Hughes, and Harlan Fiske Stone; and many other outstanding public servants in the legislative, executive, and judicial departments, as well as numberless distinguished citizens in all walks of life; and

Whereas the president emeritus of Columbia is now the President of the United States; and

Whereas there are to be held at New York City and other places, during 1954, ceremonies, convocations, and conferences commemorating this anniversary of Columbia University, at which illustrious scholars and personages from many lands will attend; and

Whereas the State and city of New York will be officially represented at these exercises; and

Whereas many activities connected with this anniversary will be devoted to furthering and exemplifying the affirmative values of the institutions of a people devoted to freedom: Therefore be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the Government and the people of the United States unite with Columbia University in the city of New York in a fitting observance of the two hundredth anniversary of its founding.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Commission for the Bicentennial of Columbia University in the City of New York. This Commission shall consist of fifteen Commissioners, as follows: The President of the United States and four persons appointed by him; the President of the Senate and four Members of the Senate appointed by him; and the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four Members of the House appointed by him.

SEC. 3. The Commission, on behalf of the United States, shall cooperate with the representatives of Columbia University, the State of New York, and the city of New York in the appropriate observance of Columbia University's bicentennial, and shall extend appropriate greetings and courtesies to representatives of foreign governments, to the delegates of foreign universities and other foreign learned bodies, and to foreign scholars and other individuals attend-
ing the celebrations as guests of Columbia University. The
Commission is authorized in performing its functions under
this section to utilize the services and facilities of the various
agencies and instrumentalities of the United States, with the
consent of such agencies and instrumentalities.

Sec. 4. The members of the Commission shall serve
without compensation. They shall select a chairman and a
secretary from among their number, but the President of
the United States shall be honorary chairman of the
Commission.

Sec. 5. Any vacancies occurring in the appointive mem-
bership of the Commission shall be filled in the same manner
in which the original appointment was made.

Sec. 6. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated,
out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
the sum of $10,000 to be expended by the Commission for
expenses, including actual and necessary traveling and sub-
sistence expenses, incurred while performing its functions
under this resolution. The Commission shall have power
to select, hire, and fix the compensation of such officers and
employees as shall be necessary for the performance of its
functions, without regard to the provisions of other laws
applicable to employment or compensation of officers or
employees of the United States.