

Mothers' Day

A brief accounting of the origins of Mothers' Day seems appropriate at this time. These days, we are bombarded by the card industry and the florists of the world to honor our mothers with their products in order to properly show our love and respect for them. When you go back to the origins of the day, you immediately realize that we have gotten somewhat off course as to the purposes it was designed for.

The National Congress, May 8 1914, established a notable precedent for flag display and reverence by its joint resolution designating Mothers' Day, to-wit:

“Whereas, The service rendered the United States by the American mother is the greatest source of the country's strength and inspiration; and

“Whereas, We honor ourselves and the mothers of America when we do anything to give emphasis to the home as the fountainhead of the States, and

“Whereas, The American mother is doing so much for the home, the moral uplift and religion, hence so much for good government and humanity; therefore be it
“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the Government officials to display the U. S. Flag on all Government buildings, and the people of the United States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on the second Sunday in May, as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.

“Section 2. That the second Sunday in May shall hereafter be designated and known as Mothers Day, and it shall be the duty of the President to request its observance as provided for in the resolution,” and which was made effective the following day, to-wit:

“A Proclamation”

“Whereas, By a joint Resolution approved May 8 1914, ‘designating the second Sunday in May as Mothers' Day, and for other purposes,’ the President