

State Anniversary Act

1. August 24, 2005

Mr. Speaker: Every year residents of each state gather on the anniversary of their state entering the Union to celebrate their rich history; and proudly fly their state flag.

On September 9, 1924, the seventy-fourth anniversary of California's admission into the Union a gentleman from San Francisco told the story of the California Bear Flag to President Coolidge. President Coolidge was so impressed by what he was told and upon being given the Bear Flag he proceeded to have the Bear Flag flown over the White House. President Coolidge expressed his wish the Bear Flag would be flown on succeeding September nines.

It has been 81 years since President Coolidge had the California Bear Flag flown over the White House and expressed his wish the flag would be flown on succeeding September nines.

As September 9th, 2005 marks the 155th anniversary of the admittance of California as the 31st state into the Union; I propose the flying of the California Bear Flag and the flying of the respective flags of the remaining 49 states on the date of their admission into the Union. This action would only entail 50 different dates throught the year.

I hereby do proclaim starting on September 9th, 2005, on a yearly basis, the flag of California be flown over the White House and on the anniversary of the remaining states their flag be flown.

Harold "Buck" and Charline Buckley

Tom Sears, Grand President Native Sons of the Golden West

California Natives and members of the Native Sons of the Golden West