

HOUSE No. 176

By Mr. Richter of Brookline, petition of the Massachusetts Society Sons of the American Revolution and others that the Governor issue a proclamation on the seventeenth day of September in commemoration of the adoption of the Federal Constitution and for the designation of such day as "Constitution Day". Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE TO BE ANNUALLY ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR A PROCIAMATION ON THE SEVENTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER IN COMMEMORATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND THAT THE DAY BE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AS "CONSTITUTION DAY".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 15, inserted by chapter 201 of
- 3 the acts of 1946, the following section:—
- 4 *Section 15A.* The governor shall annually issue a
- 5 proclamation setting apart the seventeenth day of
- 6 September as Constitution Day and recommending
- 7 that it be observed by the people with appropriate
- 8 exercises in the schools and otherwise so that the
- 9 eventful day on which the Constitution of the United
- 10 States was formally adopted may forever remain en-

11 shrined in the hearts and minds of the people, and
12 they may be reminded on that date annually of the
13 blessings of liberty which they enjoy by the adoption
14 of the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights
15 and all other amendments thereto.