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As a Member of Parliament from the greater Vancouver area in southern British Columbia, I can say that we have continuing ties involving visits, the attending of seminars, and business and labour relations with our great neighbour to the south. Indeed, in the last many years many of us have been engaged in the cause of peace and disarmament. There are people on both sides of the great border who have a strong and common view on the need for de-escalating and finally eliminating nuclear arms. We meet very frequently indeed on this matter as well as on many others.

Our foreign policies on many matters are different, of course. We are an independent country. We in this Party strive to ensure that we have and retain an independent foreign policy on matters on which we are at variance with the views of the United States. This does not prevent friendship. In fact, it enhances friendship when two mature societies can argue their differences peacefully. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that we in the New Democratic Party join in the designation of July 2 and 3, 1987, as Canada-United States Days of Peace and Friendship.

Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley—Hants): Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honour and privilege for me, as co-chairman of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group, to associate myself with the remarks of my House Leader and those of the House Leader for the Official Opposition and the Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett).

I would like to give credit in particular to David Boyer, a private U.S. citizen who, through persistence and diligence both in the United States and Canada, has brought this matter to fruition. He exerted proper lobby pressure in the United States to have this motion passed through both the Senate and the House of Representatives and we are now in effect closing the circle.

As one who has practised what we are preaching here today, having married an American many years ago, I am hoping that the Canada-United States Days of Peace and Friendship will extend to the days in one's matrimonial home.

The purpose of this motion is to encourage and formalize community arrangements for joint national days along the undefended border. I do want to pay tribute today to Mr. Boyer for making us move on this in a symbolic way. Symbolism is part of the spice of life. In further congratulation, I would like to give credit to my colleagues, the Member for Erie (Mr. Fretz) and the Member for Lethbridge—Foothills (Mr. Thacker) who, in their respective constituencies, already have joint national days between the two countries. Through their diligence and persistence they got the executive of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group to consider this motion. It is as a result of the unanimous recommendation of the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group that this be sent to the House Leaders that the matter is before the House today. This is indeed a very happy day to be dealing in such a positive frame of mind with such a positive resolution.

• (1540)

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge—Foothills): Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honour to rise and comment on this resolution. I want to express my thanks to the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) as well as the House Leaders of the other Parties for putting this resolution through with unanimous consent. I also want to express my thanks to my colleague, the Member for Erie (Mr. Fretz) for his support over the last few months, as well as to my colleague, the Member for Annapolis Valley—Hants (Mr. Nowlan), for the support given by the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group.

This resolution is the direct result of a unique hike celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Parks Canada and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Glacier National Park, which was taken in Waterton and Glacier National Parks during July, 1985.

The sponsors were Mr. Bernie Lief, Superintendent of Waterton Lakes National Park and Mr. Bob Haraden, Superintendent of Glacier National Park.

The hike was along a trail from the top of Logan Pass in Glacier National Park to Waterton town site in Alberta. During the hike, which involved a camp-over, the idea was brought forth, discussed and agreed to that the two nations should celebrate July 2 and July 3, between July 1, our national holiday and July 4, the U.S. national holiday.

I want to pay particular attention to the unheralded work done by Mr. David Boyer who, over the months since July, 1985, nurtured the idea, put in many hours of work on it which resulted in its ultimate passage through Congress and now Parliament.

Because of the historic nature of the hike, and because we hope that these "Days of Peace and Friendship" continue for hundreds of years, I want to put on the record the names of the 17 participants who undertook the unique hike. We were led by Mr. Bernie Lief, Superintendent of Waterton Lakes National Park and Mr. Bob Haraden, Superintendent of Glacier National Park. U.S. Congressman Pat Williams participated, as did the Hon. Fred Bradley, Minister of the Environment for Alberta and Member of the Legislative Assembly. Other participants were: Mr. Lowell Georgia of *National Geographic* magazine; Joanne Speelman, editor of *Kalispell Weekly News*; Lori Dowling, Marketing Consultant with Travel Alberta; Duanne Barrus, Chief Interpreter, Waterton Lakes National Park; David Boyer, *National Geographic* magazine; Ray Baker, Tamarack Mall, Waterton Lakes National Park; John Flink, Press Secretary for U.S. Senator Max Baucus; Bob Frauson, retired District Ranger, Glacier National Park; Brian Kennedy, editor of *Hungry Horse News*; Charlie Russell, rancher, Twin Butte, Alberta; Michael Drew, *Alberta Report* magazine, *Mountain Standard Times*, Lethbridge, Alberta; Jo Ann Meisser, Kootenay Bayshore Hotel, Waterton, Alberta; and myself. It was a unique experience and I am indeed honoured that flowing out of that experience will develop these "Days of Peace and