

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 403

S.P. 149

In Senate, February 19, 1987

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate  
Presented by Senator DOW of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator KANY of Kennebec, Representative  
NORTON of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Establish a Commemorative Day in  
2 Honor of Samantha Smith.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 1 MRSA §126 is enacted to read:

7 §126. Samantha Smith Day

8 June 29th of each year shall be designated as  
9 Samantha Smith Day, and the Governor shall annually  
10 issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people  
11 of this State to observe the day in schools and other  
12 suitable places with appropriate ceremony and activi-  
13 ty. Samantha Smith Day shall commemorate and honor  
14 Samantha Smith whose vision and inspiring message for  
15 peace and brotherhood opened the door to greater un-

1 derstanding and friendship among nations of the  
2 world. The Department of Educational and Cultural  
3 Services shall make appropriate information available  
4 to the people and the schools within the limits of  
5 its budget.

6 STATEMENT OF FACT

7 The purpose of this bill is to establish a com-  
8 memorative day for Samantha Smith who at age 11 would  
9 not accept man's inhumanity to man and stood fast in  
10 the belief that peace and brotherhood could abide in  
11 her lifetime and, having the will to achieve that  
12 end, carried an inspiring message for peace and un-  
13 derstanding to nations of the world, a message that  
14 must not be forgotten.

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