

117<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 541

Commemorating the life and legacy of Jean-Louis de K  rouac on the centennial of his birth on March 12, 2022.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10 (legislative day, MARCH 7), 2022

Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating the life and legacy of Jean-Louis de K  rouac on the centennial of his birth on March 12, 2022.

Whereas Jean-Louis de K  rouac, better known as “Jack”, was a giant of American literature and favorite son of Lowell, Massachusetts;

Whereas, alongside Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs, Jack Kerouac ignited the literary movement in the 1950s known as the “Beat Generation”;

Whereas the Beat Generation’s rebuke against traditional values and materialism created the foundation for subsequent counterculture movements in America and beyond;

Whereas the beatnik stereotype dominated popular media and culture in the 1950s and 1960s, an amalgamation of Kerouac’s self-expressive, unconventional characters;

Whereas the “Beatles” took their name after the movement,  
while artists such as Bob Dylan and Jim Morrison cite  
Kerouac’s work as major influences; and

Whereas, more than half a century since his death, Kerouac’s  
novels still fire the imagination, particularly of young  
people, and serve as a tribute to their culture-changing  
origins: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and commemo-  
2 rates the enduring contribution of Jack Kerouac’s work  
3 to American literary culture and beyond on the centennial  
4 of his birth.

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