

House Resolution 1714

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Park of the 107th, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 17, 2026, as Bayard Rustin Day; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bayard Rustin Day is an annual, cross-generational celebration of the civil
3 rights icon, architect of the March on Washington, and unapologetic advocate for peace and
4 equality, Bayard Rustin; and

5 WHEREAS, a close advisor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bayard Rustin played a pivotal
6 role in making nonviolent resistance a foundational principle of the Civil Rights Movement;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he was the chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and
9 Freedom, one of the most significant demonstrations in our nation's history; co-founded the
10 Congress of Racial Equality; and participated in the Journey of Reconciliation, an early effort
11 to challenge segregation in interstate travel; and

12 WHEREAS, held annually on his birthday, March 17, Bayard Rustin Day brings together
13 youth leaders, artists, and community members for a powerful afternoon of performance,
14 dialogue, and collective action.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body recognize March 17, 2026, as Bayard Rustin Day in celebration
17 of Bayard Rustin's innumerable contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
19 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
20 public and the press.