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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on making 12 September a remembrance day for the Battle of Vienna

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on making 12 September a remembrance day for the Battle of Vienna

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. to commemorate the Battle of Vienna that took place on 12 September 1683,
- B. whereas, at that battle, on the Christian side the combined infantry and artillery of the alliance of Austria, Saxony, Bavaria, Baden and the Papal States as well as the Polish cavalry army faced the Ottoman army, which had besieged Vienna,
- C. whereas on that day, with the defeat of the Ottoman army, the second Turkish siege of Vienna ended,
- D. whereas this defeat heralded the beginning of the end of Turkish hegemonic policy,
- E. whereas on that day European values were successfully defended thanks to the joint efforts of today's Member States,
- F. whereas this year marks the 340th anniversary of that battle;
- 1. Proposes that 12 September be made a remembrance day, which could be celebrated in the EU institutions as a special day of rest from work with the day off to commemorate the Battle of Vienna;
- 2. Recommends that the Member States make 12 September a public holiday.

