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The Flag of our Country

This nation has a banner, too; and wherever it has streamed abroad, men have seen daybreak bursting on their eyes, for the American flag has been the symbol of liberty, and men have rejoiced in it. Not another flag on the globe has such an errand, or went forth upon the sea, carrying everywhere, the world around, such hope for the captive and such glorious tidings. The stars upon it were to the pining nations like the morning stars of God, and the stripes upon it were beams of morning light.

In all the world is there another banner that carries such hope, such grandeur of spirit, such soul-inspiring truth as our dear old American flag? Made by liberty, made for liberty, nourished in its spirit, carried in its service and never, not once, in all the earth made to stoop to despotism.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

Sunday, June 14, is National Flag Day

the 154th anniversary of the adoption of the flag
by the Continental Congress

Thursday, June 11, 1931