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99th Congress

Joint Resolution

Mar. 10, 1986
[H.J. Res. 409]

To direct the President to issue a proclamation designating February 16, 1986, as "Lithuanian Independence Day".

Whereas February 16, 1986, marks the 68th anniversary of the declaration of independence of Lithuania;

Whereas on February 16, 1918, the Council of Lithuania, the sole representative of the Lithuanian people, in conformity with the recognized right to national self-determination, proclaimed the restitution of the independent and democratic state of Lithuania and declared rupture of all ties which formally subordinated Lithuania to other nations;

Whereas a free Lithuania existed until the Soviet takeover in 1940;

Whereas the United States opposes tyranny and injustice in all forms and supports the cause of a free Lithuania;

Whereas the oppressed people currently living in Lithuania should keep the flame of freedom forever burning in their hearts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President shall issue a proclamation designating February 16, 1986, as "Lithuanian Independence Day" and calling on the people of the United States to celebrate such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved March 10, 1986.

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