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Joint Resolution

Commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the Marshall plan.

June 1, 1987
[S.J. Res. 70]

Whereas 1987 marks the fortieth year since the European Recovery Program or what came to be called the Marshall plan was first conceived and proclaimed by George Catlett Marshall;

Whereas the Marshall plan has been hailed by leaders of friend and foe alike in World War II as the most magnanimous act by Americans in history;

Whereas the Marshall plan uniquely symbolizes the bold and creative promise inherent in the thought of all free peoples;

Whereas the Marshall plan made possible new measures of trans-Atlantic cooperation through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other institutions;

Whereas these institutional developments have profoundly enhanced the security, freedom, and prosperity of the United States and the Atlantic Community generally;

Whereas new challenges have arisen which call for recommitment to and reinvigoration of these institutions and for their continued viability;

Whereas creative thought and rededication to the ideals and principles undergirding the Marshall plan are now required to assure the preservation of these institutions; and

Whereas the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Marshall plan provides a fitting opportunity for rededication of commitments to these instructions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

(a) That the Congress acknowledges the magnanimity of the Marshall plan, the dedication to public service and integrity of its author, and the effort by the Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia, to continue in American life the values for which he stood.

(b) That the Congress calls upon all Americans to rededicate themselves to the ideals of public service, hard work, integrity, and compassion which George Catlett Marshall represents to this day in American society.

(c) That the Congress remembers that it approved a special congressional medal for General Marshall to honor his service to the Nation.

(d) That the Congress welcomes with great anticipation the publication on June 5, 1987, of the fourth and final volume of the official biography of George Catlett Marshall.

(e) That Congress believes the principles that inspired the initiation of the Marshall plan should continue to be cherished by our people.

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(f) That the month of June 1987, is designated as "George C. Marshall Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved June 1, 1987.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 70:

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