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Joint Resolution

Sept. 28, 1987
[S.J. Res. 135]

To designate October 1987 as "Polish American Heritage Month".

Whereas, since the 1st immigration of Polish settlers to Jamestown in the 17th century, Poles and Americans of Polish descent have distinguished themselves by contributing to the development of arts, sciences, government, military service, athletics, and education in the United States;

Whereas Kazimierz Pulaski, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, and other sons of Poland came to our shores to fight in the American Revolutionary War and to give their lives and fortunes for the creation of the United States;

Whereas the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791, was modeled directly on the Constitution of the United States, is recognized as the 2d written constitution in history, and is revered by Poles and Americans of Polish descent;

Whereas Americans of Polish descent and Americans sympathetic to the struggle of the Polish nation to regain its freedom remain committed to a free and independent Polish nation;

Whereas Poles and Americans of Polish descent take great pride in and honor the greatest son of Poland, His Holiness Pope John Paul II;

Whereas Poles and Americans of Polish descent take great pride in and honor Nobel Peace Prize laureate Lech Walesa, the founder of the Solidarity Labor Federation;

Whereas the Solidarity Labor Federation was founded in August 1980 and is continuing its struggle against oppression by the Government of Poland; and

Whereas the Polish American Congress is observing its 43d anniversary this year and is celebrating October 1987 as Polish American Heritage Month: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That October 1987 is designated "Polish American Heritage Month", and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved September 28, 1987.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 135:

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