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Joint Resolution

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Commemorating General Thaddeus Kosciuszko by presenting a memorial plaque in his memory to the people of Poland on behalf of the American people.

Whereas October 17, 1977, marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the historic battle of Saratoga;

Whereas General Thaddeus Kosciuszko served in the Continental Army from 1776 through 1783, and played a vital and significant role in the battle of Saratoga;

Whereas the American people are indebted to Thaddeus Kosciuszko for his role in American independence; and

Whereas the American Council of Polish Cultural Clubs has made the arrangements for the erection of a memorial plaque near the sarcophagus of Thaddeus Kosciuszko in the Wawel Cathedral in Krakow, Poland, commemorating his dedication to the principles of freedom, and has obtained the approval of the Governments of Poland and the United States and the appropriate Polish ecclesiastical authorities for the erection of the plaque bearing the words both in Polish and in English: "On the Bicentennial Anniversary of the victory at Saratoga October 17, 1777, grateful America remembers General T. Kosciuszko fighter for your freedom and ours": Now, therefore, be it

General Thaddeus Kosciuszko. Memorial plaque, presentation to Poland.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in an expression of esteem and gratitude by the American people, the plaque to be erected in the Wawel Cathedral in Krakow, Poland, on October 17, 1977, in the memory of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, shall be presented by the Ambassador of the United States to Poland on behalf of the American people as a gift to the people of Poland.

Approved November 1, 1977.

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