Public Law 98-197
98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To extend the term of the Presidential Commission for the German-American Tricentennial, and for other purposes.

Dec. 1, 1983
[H.J. Res. 405]

Whereas in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of German settlement in America at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 6, 1683, the Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 260, Ninety-seventh Congress, which was signed into law by the President on January 14, 1983, as Public Law 97-472 (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the "Act"); 96 Stat. 2603.

Whereas the Act established the Presidential Commission for the German-American Tricentennial (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the "Commission") to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the German-American Tricentennial, and provided for the termination of the Commission on January 31, 1984;

Whereas the Act authorizes the Commission to encourage the participation of, and receive donations of money, property, and personal services from, public and private organizations and individuals to assist the Commission in carrying out its responsibilities, and provides that all expenditures of the Commission are to be made from donated funds;

Whereas one of the key projects undertaken by the Commission is to oversee the planning and establishment of a German-American Friendship Garden in the District of Columbia as an enduring symbol of German-American contributions to this country and the lasting friendship between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany; and

Whereas the President and the Congress are of the opinion that more time will be needed by the Commission beyond its presently scheduled expiration date of January 31, 1984, to complete its work on the German-American Friendship Garden: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the term of the Commission is hereby extended to October 31, 1984, and the deadline for the report of the Commission's activities to the Congress required by the Act is hereby also extended to that date.

Presidential Commission for the German-American Tricentennial. Term and report deadline, extension.

SEC. 2. After December 31, 1983, the Commission shall not incur any obligations other than in connection with its work on the German-American Friendship Garden, or the carrying out of necessary administrative functions, nor shall the Commission solicit, receive, or use any donated funds or the support or assistance of any

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other executive agency or department after December 31, 1983, except for the purposes of its work on the German-American Friendship Garden, the liquidation of financial obligations incurred prior to January 1, 1984, and the carrying out of necessary administrative functions.

SEC. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this resolution, the provisions of the Act shall remain in effect.

Approved December 1, 1983.

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