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Joint Resolution

Designating March 21, 1983, as "Afghanistan Day".

Mar. 24, 1983
[S.J. Res. 65]

Whereas the occupation of Afghanistan by the Soviet Union continues unabated, causing immense privation to, and suffering among, the people of Afghanistan;

Whereas the Soviet occupation of this formerly independent and sovereign land has now entered its fourth year;

Whereas the Soviet occupation forces now total over one hundred thousand troops;

Whereas Soviet troops have brutally slaughtered thousands of innocent Afghan civilians through the use of modern weapons of war, including chemical and biological weapons;

Whereas the number of refugees forced to flee Afghanistan has steadily increased and approaches four million;

Whereas the undaunted resistance of the Afghan freedom fighters against the Soviet occupational forces is an inspiration to the free world;

Whereas the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan undermines the spirit and intention of the Declaration of Principles of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which the Soviet Union signed at Helsinki, Finland, in 1975; and

Whereas the people of Afghanistan observe March 21 as the start of their new year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That March 21, 1983, is designated "Afghanistan Day". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Afghanistan Day.

Approved March 24, 1983.

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