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S. RES. 56

Designating March 25, 1997 as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. ROTH, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. REID, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. REED, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DODD, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. HELMS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. MACK, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. COATS) submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MARCH 6, 1997

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

MARCH 14, 1997

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was invested in the people;

Whereas the Founding Fathers of the United States of America drew heavily upon the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy;

Whereas the founders of the modern Greek state modeled their government after that of the United States in an effort to best imitate their ancient democracy;

Whereas Greece is one of the only three nations in the world, beyond the former British Empire, that has been allied with the United States in every major international conflict this century;

Whereas the heroism displayed in the historic World War II Battle of Crete epitomized Greece's sacrifice for freedom and democracy as it presented the Axis land war with its first major setback and set off a chain of events which significantly affected the outcome of World War II.

Whereas these and other ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations and their peoples;

Whereas March 25, 1997 marks the 176th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution which freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire; and

Whereas it is proper and desirable to celebrate with the Greek people, and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which our two great nations were born: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That March 25, 1997 is designated as

2 “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration

1 of Greek and American Democracy.” The President is re-
2 quested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people
3 of the United States to observe the day with appropriate
4 ceremonies and activities.

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