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S. RES. 626

Designating April 24, 2014, as “Jan Karski Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20, 2012

Mr. LUGAR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating April 24, 2014, as “Jan Karski Day”.

Whereas Jan Karski was born on April 24, 1914, in Lodz,
Poland;

Whereas Jan Karski escaped the Soviet massacre in the
Katyn forest in 1940;

Whereas Jan Karski became a key emissary in the Polish un-
derground resistance against Nazi occupation;

Whereas Jan Karski chose to risk his own life by staying in
Poland after escaping a prisoner of war camp and enduring
Gestapo torture in order to provide critical intel-
ligence to the Allied war effort and alert Allied govern-
ments about the Holocaust;

Whereas Jan Karski provided eyewitness testimony during
the war about the horrors in occupied Poland to British

Foreign Minister Anthony Eden and United States President Franklin Roosevelt;

Whereas Jan Karski enrolled in Georgetown University after World War II and earned a doctor of philosophy in 1952;

Whereas Jan Karski became a United States citizen and taught at Georgetown University for 40 years, dedicating the rest of his life to ensuring that the full extent of the Nazi atrocities are never forgotten; and

Whereas Jan Karski was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously on May 29, 2012, one of the highest civilian honors in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 24, 2014, as “Jan Karski
3 Day”;

4 (2) recognizes the life and legacy of Dr. Jan
5 Karski and expresses its gratitude for his efforts in
6 informing the free world of the atrocities committed
7 by Nazi and totalitarian forces in Poland during
8 World War II;

9 (3) applauds the awarding of the Presidential
10 Medal of Freedom to Jan Karski for his efforts during
11 World War II and in reaffirming the importance
12 of the United States-Polish bilateral relationship;
13 and

14 (4) requests that the Secretary transmit an enrolled
15 copy of this resolution to the family of Jan

- 1 Karski and to the Ambassador of Poland to the
- 2 United States.

