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H. RES. 571

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of Czech-American Heritage Month and recognizing the contributions of Czech Americans to the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Mr. GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of Czech-American Heritage Month and recognizing the contributions of Czech Americans to the United States.

Whereas since the immigration of the first documented Czech settler, Augustin Herrman, to New Amsterdam in 1633, Czechs and Americans of Czech descent have played a vital role as contributors to the culture of the United States;

Whereas Czech immigrants have come to the United States seeking religious, economic, and political freedom;

Whereas Czech immigrants have contributed significantly to the culture of the United States, including achievements in the fields of art, literature, music, and education;

Whereas Madeleine Albright, the 64th United States Secretary of State, the first female Secretary of State, and the highest ranking woman in the history of the United States Government, was born in Prague;

Whereas Academy Award winning director Milos Forman, who directed the films “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest”, “Amadeus”, and many others, is Czech-born and graduated from the Prague Film Academy;

Whereas several champion tennis players including Ivan Lendl, Hana Mandlikova, Helena Sukova, Martina Navratilova, Petr Korda, Jana Novotna, and Martina Hingis were born in the Czech Republic;

Whereas Apollo 13 Commander James A. Lovell, Jr. is of Czech descent;

Whereas Franz Kafka, an Austrian-Czech novelist, a significant figure in 20th century literature, and the author of The Trial, The Castle, and America, was born in Prague;

Whereas the State of Texas has the largest number of people of Czech ancestry;

Whereas 10,378 persons with Czech ancestry live in Harris County, Texas; and

Whereas many municipalities in the State of Texas have designated the month of October as Czech-American Heritage Month: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 the goals and ideas of Czech-American Heritage Month
- 3 and recognizes the significant contributions that Czech-
- 4 Americans have made to the United States.

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