

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. CON. RES. 105

Designating April 13, 2000, as a day of remembrance of the victims of the Katyn Forest massacre.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2000

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas 60 years ago, the Katyn Forest crime was committed, resulting in the death of 21,000 Polish military officers of all armed services, and justice and administration personnel;

Whereas, on the occasion of 60th anniversary of the Katyn crime, the Lower Chamber of the Polish Parliament (Sejm) will pay homage to all those murdered—the “best sons of the nation”, those who had not given in to Soviet ideology and physical pressure, and remained loyal to the Republic of Poland and the values they were taught to uphold;

Whereas Congress joins the Sejm in condemning all forms of genocide, murder, deportation, and violation of human rights;

Whereas Congress joins the Sejm in its appreciation to all scholars, researchers, and writers, especially those under Soviet domination, who had the courage to tell the truth about the Katyn crime;

Whereas Congress acknowledges with gratitude the Sejm's recognition of the pioneering work of Congress and the House of Representatives for the establishment in 1951 of a Select Committee to conduct an investigation of the Katyn crime;

Whereas Congress is pleased to join the Sejm in thanking those citizens of Russia who, guided by their sense of honor and dignity, contributed to the disclosure of the basic Katyn crime and the confirming, related documents; and

Whereas Congress continues to recognize the importance of remembering the victims of communism as when it passed H.R. 3000 in 1993 calling for a Victims of Communism Memorial, and commends the work of the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in working toward this objective: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress joins the Polish Sejm in designating April 13, 2000, as a day of remembrance to the
3 victims of the Katyn Massacre that occurred 60 years ago
4 and urges citizens of the United States to join their Polish

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- 1 counterparts in learning about and understanding what
- 2 happened in the Katyn Forest.

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