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Recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 13, 2000

Mr. GRAMS (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Hermann Monument and Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, as a national symbol of the contributions of Americans of German heritage.

Whereas there are currently more than 57,900,000 individuals of German heritage residing in the United States, who comprise nearly 25 percent of the population of the United States and are therefore the largest ethnic group in the United States;

Whereas those of German heritage are not descendants of only 1 political entity, but of all German-speaking areas;

Whereas Americans of German heritage have made countless contributions to American culture, arts, and industry, the American military, and American government;

Whereas there is no nationally recognized tangible symbol dedicated to German Americans and their positive contributions to the United States;

Whereas the story of Hermann the Cheruscan parallels that of the American Founding Fathers, because he was a freedom fighter who united ancient German tribes in order to shed the yoke of Roman tyranny and preserve freedom for the territory of present-day Germany;

Whereas the Hermann Monument located in Hermann Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, was dedicated in 1897 to honor the spirit of freedom and was later dedicated to all German immigrants who settled in New Ulm and elsewhere in the United States; and

Whereas the Hermann Monument has been recognized as a site of special historical significance by the United States Government, by inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Hermann Monument and Hermann
 3 Heights Park in New Ulm, Minnesota, is recognized by
 4 Congress as a national symbol of the contributions of
 5 Americans of German heritage.

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