

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 116

Congratulating the Republic of Slovenia on its tenth anniversary of independence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2001

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. HARKIN)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Republic of Slovenia on its tenth anniversary of independence.

Whereas, on December 23, 1990, the people of Slovenia voted overwhelmingly in favor of independence from the former Yugoslavia in a national referendum;

Whereas, on June 25, 1991, the Republic of Slovenia declared itself an independent and sovereign nation;

Whereas, on December 23, 1991, the Slovenian parliament adopted a constitution based on the rule of law, respect for human rights, and democratic ideals;

Whereas, during its ten years of independence, Slovenia has been an important United States ally in Central and Eastern Europe and a strong advocate of democracy, the

rule of law, and the merits of an open, free market economy;

Whereas the Republic of Slovenia has demonstrated an outstanding record on human rights during the past decade, and the country's market economy has experienced continued growth and success;

Whereas Slovenia has made important contributions to international efforts to promote peace and stability in Southeast Europe and other parts of the world;

Whereas Slovenia serves as a leader in efforts to remove destructive land mines in parts of Southeast Europe plagued by war and ethnic violence during the 1990s;

Whereas Slovenia has become an active member of international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the Council of Europe and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; and

Whereas the Republic of Slovenia has made significant progress in its work to join the NATO Alliance and the European Union: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate hereby—

2 (1) congratulates the Republic of Slovenia as
3 the country celebrates ten years of independence on
4 June 25, 2001;

5 (2) commends the people of Slovenia on the sig-
6 nificant progress made during the past decade to ad-
7 vance respect for human rights, the rule of law, free
8 market economies, and democracy;

1 (3) recognizes the important role played by the
2 Slovenian community in diaspora to promote inde-
3 pendence in the Republic of Slovenia; and

4 (4) encourages the Republic of Slovenia to con-
5 tinue its important work toward membership in the
6 NATO Alliance and the European Union, as well as
7 efforts to further peace, stability, and prosperity in
8 Central and Eastern Europe.

○