

(3) urges the Sandinistas to renew their commitment to continuing the ceasefire now in effect;

(4) insists that Ortega and the Sandinistas reaffirm their pledge to hold elections on February 25, 1990, and to begin to carry out in good faith their commitment to a free and fair electoral process leading up to those elections;

(5) deplors any effort by the Sandinista regime to terminate, postpone or curtail the limited progress they have made to date in fulfilling their commitment to a free and fair electoral process, or to impose emergency laws, under the phony pretext of a major Contra-initiated breakdown of the ceasefire;

(6) strongly urges the extension of the period during which Nicaraguans are permitted to register to vote for at least sixty days;

(7) reaffirms its intention to abide by the provisions of the Bipartisan Accord on Nicaragua and Public Law 101-14, to include continuing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Contras until February 28, 1990; and

(8) reminds Ortega, the Sandinista regime, and the other leaders of the hemisphere that United States policy articulated in the Bipartisan Accord on Nicaragua and Public Law 101-14 is contingent on the Sandinistas fulfilling the commitments they have undertaken as part of the Central American peace process.

Agreed to November 2, 1989.

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION—WELCOME TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Nov. 6, 1989

[H. Con. Res. 222]

Whereas, the Universal Postal Union advances the goals of the world postal system by developing and improving international postal services, establishing global standards, assuring freedom of transit throughout the territories of the member nations of the Union, providing assistance to postal administrations of developing countries, and disseminating information on technical developments to member nations;

Whereas, the Congress of the Universal Postal Union convenes every 5 years in a different member country to study and revise the acts of the Universal Postal Union, and the decisions of the Congress of the Universal Postal Union, which govern the actions of the global postal system for the next 5-year period;

Whereas, for only the second time in nearly a century, the United States Postal Service will host the world's postal administrations during an international business meeting known as the Universal Postal Congress;

Whereas, the Universal Postal Congress will be conducted for a 5-week period, between November 13, and December 14, 1989, at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center; and

Whereas, nearly 1,700 individuals representing 170 member administrations of the Universal Postal Union are expected to participate in the business sessions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That the Congress of the United States—

(1) welcomes to the Nation's Capital the foreign postal representatives participating in the Twentieth Congress of the Universal Postal Union; and

(2) expresses its hope that the efforts of the Twentieth Congress of the Universal Postal Union will result in improved global communications as we approach the challenges of the 21st century.

Agreed to November 6, 1989.

Nov. 6, 1989
[S. Con. Res. 71]

MALTA—TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

Whereas September 21, 1989, marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the independence of Malta;

Whereas the people of Malta have historically cherished the values of democracy;

Whereas the Maltese, by successfully resisting challenges to democratic rule on Malta, have protected and preserved their heritage for generations to come;

Whereas the Maltese endured tremendous suffering during their heroic struggle against Nazi and other fascist aggression during World War II, and were cited by President Franklin Roosevelt for their bravery and courage;

Whereas a free and democratic Malta is important to peace and stability in the central Mediterranean, a region of particular importance for the interests of the United States;

Whereas the Government of Malta has actively participated in, and made positive contributions to, environmental issues of global concern; and

Whereas relations between the Republic of Malta and the United States, which have been traditionally friendly, have become even closer and stronger in recent years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),
That the Congress congratulates the people of Malta on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of independence of Malta.

Agreed to November 6, 1989.