

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.

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### 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.