gated by Soviet imperialism; and so has resistance, ever the catalyst of lib­
erty. Today, a struggle that began in Ukraine 70 years ago is taking place
throughout the Soviet empire. In the last year alone, people have risen up
to demand basic human rights in Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary,
Poland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Moldavia, and among the Crimean Tatars. And
across the globe, in Afghanistan, Angola, Cambodia, and Nicaragua, coura­
geous freedom fighters battle tyranny. All captive nations deserve and re­
quire our special support. For those seeking to enjoy humanity’s birthright
of liberty, independence, and justice, we serve as guardians of their dream.

Thus, we must and will continue to speak out on the plight of captive na­
tions. We will continue to call for the speedy release of the persecuted and
the falsely imprisoned—people such as Gunars Astra, Lev Lukyanenko,
Mart Niklus, and Viktoras Petkus. So long as brave individuals suffer be­
cause of their nationality, faith, and desire for human rights, the United
States of America will demand that every signatory of the United Nations
Charter and the Helsinki Accords live up to its obligations and respect the
principles and spirit of these international agreements.

So that we who cherish liberty may proclaim our commitment to those to
whom its blessings are presently denied, the Congress, by joint resolution
approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212), has authorized and requested the
President to issue a proclamation designating the third week in July of each
year as "Captive Nations Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States
of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning July 19, 1987, as Cap­
tive Nations Week. I call upon the people of the United States to observe
this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I urge them to
reaffirm their devotion to the aspirations of all peoples for justice, self-de­
termination, and liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth
day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and
of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and
twelfth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5681 of July 18, 1987

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Animated Feature Film, 1987

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Fifty years ago, a milestone in our Nation’s artistic history was achieved
when "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" became the first full-length ani­
mated feature film, and the movie soundtrack album became the first origi­
nal soundtrack recording ever released. Since that historic ground-breaking
for a new genre in the motion picture art, moviegoers have enjoyed a long
and colorful succession of animated films.
As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first animated feature-length film, we can be grateful for the art of film animation, which brings to the screen such magic and lasting vitality. We can also be grateful for the contribution that animation has made to producing so many family films during the last half-century—films embodying the fundamental values of good over evil, courage, and decency that Americans so cherish. Through animation, we have witnessed the wonders of nature, ancient fables, tales of American heroes, and stories of youthful adventure. In recent years, our love for technology and the future has been reflected in computer-generated graphic art and animation.

The achievements in the motion picture art that have followed since the debut of the first feature-length animated film in 1937 have mirrored the artistic development of American culture and the advancement of our Nation's innovation and technology. By recognizing this anniversary, we pay tribute to the triumph of creative genius that has prospered in our free enterprise system as nowhere else in the world. We recognize that, where men and women are free to express their creative talents, there is no limit to their potential achievement.

In recognition of the special place of animation in American film history, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 122, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to celebrate the week beginning July 16, 1987, with appropriate observances of the 50th anniversary of the animated feature film.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim that during the week beginning July 16, 1987, marking the 50th anniversary of feature film animation, the people of the United States are encouraged to observe this historic milestone in our Nation's artistic history with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twelfth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5682 of July 20, 1987

National Czech American Heritage Week, 1987

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

For more than three and one-half centuries, Czechs and Czech Americans, through talent, industriousness, and energy, have been compiling a proud record of achievement in our country. All Americans are glad to join our fellow citizens of Czech descent in celebrating this precious and living heritage, as well as the extensive ties between our peoples here and in Europe.