

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 171

Concerning the heroic rescue of Danish Jews in World War II by the Danish people.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 1993

Mr. DEUTSCH submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Concerning the heroic rescue of Danish Jews in World War II by the Danish people.

Whereas in the fall of 1943 the Nazis occupied Denmark and issued orders that the Danes deport all Danish Jews to concentration camps where they would eventually be exterminated;

Whereas the Danish people as a result of the Nazi mandate began a mission of mercy on October 1, 1943, smuggling Jews across the Oresund Strait to neutral Sweden via small boats and fishing cutters;

Whereas the Danish rescuers unselfishly risked their own lives avoiding German patrols during the more than 2-month rescue operations; and

Whereas approximately 90 percent of the Danish Jews were saved from certain death at the hands of the Nazis by the sheer courage and compassion demonstrated by the Danes: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3            (1) recognizes and commemorates the bravery  
4            and valor of those Danes who participated in the  
5            1943 rescue operations that saved the lives of 7,300  
6            Jews who would otherwise have perished in Nazi  
7            concentration camps; and

8            (2) declares that the world owes a great debt to  
9            these Danes who did not turn a blind eye on the  
10           dangers that faced Jews under Nazi occupation.

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