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Designating the third week of July 1993 as “Captive Nations Week”, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GILMAN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Week”, and for other purposes.

Whereas the greatness of the United States is in a large part
attributable to its having been able, through the demo-
cratic process, to achieve a harmonious national unity of
its people, even though they stem from the most diverse
of racial, religious, and ethnic backgrounds;

Whereas this harmonious unification of the diverse elements
of our free society has led the people of the United States
to possess a warm understanding and sympathy for the
aspirations of peoples everywhere for democracy and to
recognize the interdependency of the nations of the world;

Whereas the continuing oppression of a substantial part of the world's population under Communism constitutes a detriment to the natural bonds of understanding between the people of the United States and other peoples;

Whereas Communist oppression and imperialism led to the subjugation of the national independence of Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, and other states, and continues to oppress the peoples of China, Tibet, Cuba, North Korea, Vietnam, and Laos;

Whereas nations oppressed by Communism look to the United States as a citadel of democracy and freedom for leadership in bringing about their liberation and restoring to them the enjoyment of their religious freedoms and of their individual liberties; and

Whereas it is fitting that we clearly manifest to such peoples through an appropriate and official means the fact that the people of the United States share with them their aspirations for the recovery of their freedom and independence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONGRESSIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS.**

4 The Congress—

5 (1) praises and commends the peoples of those
6 nations of Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia,
7 formerly held captive by the Soviet Union and its

1 Warsaw Pact alliance, who have liberated themselves
2 from their captivity;

3 (2) encourages those newly liberated nations in
4 their efforts to build democracy and market-based
5 economies; and

6 (3) calls upon the peoples of those newly liber-
7 ated nations to refrain from following the leadership
8 of those who would seek to follow an aggressive or
9 authoritarian relationship with either the citizens of
10 those countries or with their neighboring states.

11 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF CAPTIVE NATIONS WEEK.**

12 The third week of July 1993 is designated as “Cap-
13 tive Nations Week”, and the President is authorized and
14 requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people
15 of the United States to observe such week with appro-
16 priate ceremonies and activities. The President is further
17 authorized and requested to issue a similar proclamation
18 each year until such time as freedom and independence
19 shall have been achieved for all the captive nations of the
20 world.

21 **SEC. 3. REPEAL.**

22 Public Law 86–90 is repealed.

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