

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. J. RES. 371

Designating June 10, 1995, as “Portuguese American Friendship Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 1994

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

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating June 10, 1995, as “Portuguese American
Friendship Day”.

Whereas history has shown that Portugal has always felt a universal destiny and a calling to establish a vast network of relationships beyond Europe;

Whereas June 10, Portugal’s National Day, celebrates the life and work of the 16th century poet Luis Vaz de Camões of Portugal, whose work extols the courage and exploits of Portuguese explorers who sailed to points beyond the horizon;

Whereas thousands of Portuguese have embarked on their own voyages to the United States, and today over 2,000,000 Americans are able to trace their ancestry to Portugal;

Whereas Portuguese Americans have distinguished themselves as honest, hard-working, patriotic, and family-oriented;

Whereas Portuguese Americans have achieved an important place in American culture through their participation in the arts, commerce, academics, sports, politics, and religion;

Whereas Portugal and the United States have had friendly and cordial relations since American independence;

Whereas Portugal and the United States continue to work together, cooperating through their membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to promote peace and to adapt to the challenges of a changing world in light of the lifting of the Iron Curtain;

Whereas Portugal and the United States have a relationship based on mutual respect and a sharing of interests and ideals, particularly a deeply held commitment to democratic values; and

Whereas it is appropriate to designate a national day to honor Portuguese Americans and celebrate the unique contributions they have made throughout the history of the United States and to honor the Portuguese people and their national day: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That June 10, 1995, is designated as “Portuguese Amer-
- 4 ican Friendship Day”, and the President is authorized and
- 5 requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of

- 1 the United States to observe the day with appropriate pro-
- 2 grams and activities.

○