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To designate October 28, 1987, as "National Immigrants Day".

Whereas the Statue of Liberty has been the symbol of freedom, hope, and opportunity for millions of immigrants since the people of France dedicated the Lady of Liberty to the people of America on October 28, 1886;

Whereas the Statue of Liberty serves as a reminder to all that the United States is a nation of immigrants, a nation of nations; Whereas the Statue of Liberty is a lasting memorial to the immigrants who have made America great;

Whereas millions of immigrants settled throughout the vast territory of the United States, and supported the ideals of independence and liberty;

Whereas the torch held by the Statue of Liberty serves as a beacon of freedom that lives in the soul of every American;

Whereas on October 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty began to greet immigrants who came to America in pursuit of their dreams; and

Whereas it is only fitting that we set aside October 28, 1987, as a day of celebration to honor the immigrants welcomed by the burning torch of the Lady of Liberty to this land of freedom: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That October 28, 1987, is designated as "National Immigrants Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved June 29, 1987.

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