

Public Law 100-69
100th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the period commencing on July 27, 1987, and ending on August 2, 1987, as "National Czech American Heritage Week".

July 10, 1987

[S.J. Res. 51]

Whereas since the immigration of the first documented Czech settler, Augustine Herman, to New Amsterdam in 1633, Czechs and Americans of Czech descent have played a vital role as contributors to United States rural and urban life;

Whereas Czech immigrants, seeking religious, economic, and political freedom, have throughout the years contributed significantly to the arts, sports, education, and commerce;

Whereas Czech immigrants, fleeing the communist regime in 1948 and the 1968 Soviet led invasion of Czechoslovakia, represent the latest in the tradition of Czech immigrants seeking political freedom in the United States, and are particularly noteworthy for their impressive contributions in literature and other intellectual and professional pursuits;

Whereas in the 19th century Czech immigrants established hundreds of gymnastic clubs, known as "sokols", throughout the United States, and this dedication and aptitude for sports continues and is well embodied in the accomplishments of the recent Czech immigrant, Martina Navratilova, the number one ranked women's tennis player in the world for the past five consecutive years; and

Whereas the state of Nebraska has the largest percentage of Czech descendants per capita, and the town of Wilber, Nebraska, known as the Czech capital of the United States, celebrates its 26th Annual National Czech Festival on August 1-2, 1987: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the period commencing on July 27, 1987, and ending on August 2, 1987, is designated as "National Czech American Heritage Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe such period with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved July 10, 1987.

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