

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

# H. J. RES. 287

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 1993

Mr. HOLDEN (for himself and Mr. GEKAS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

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## **JOINT RESOLUTION**

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Whereas Stefan Parmenius Stitnicky, a Slovak chronologist and author of the poem "De Navigatione", came to the New World as a member of Sir Humphrey Gilbert's expedition in 1583;

Whereas Jan Boda, Stefan Mada, and other Slovaks were among the first settlers of Jamestown, Virginia in 1609;

Whereas Slovak immigrants came to North America in great numbers seeking religious, economic, and political free-

dom and, since the birth of this Nation, have labored diligently for the betterment of America;

Whereas the history of the Slovak people in the United States reflects a hard-working and honorable presence for over 200 years and includes service in all of the Nation's wars, including the American Revolution;

Whereas Slovak-Americans, who comprise the second largest Slav ethnic group in America, have distinguished themselves by contributing to the development of the sciences, arts, literature, government, military service, athletics, and education in the United States; and

Whereas in 1993 and 1994, Slovak-Americans celebrate the independence of Slovakia and the centennials of Slovak churches, newspapers, and fraternal organizations in the United States and, in doing so, proudly proclaim their pride in being Americans: 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 the months of August 1994 and August 1995 are  
4        each designated as "National Slovak American Heritage  
5        Month". The President is authorized and requested to  
6        issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United  
7        States to observe these months with appropriate cere-  
8        monies and activities.

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