

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 297

Congratulating the Republic of Hungary on the millennium of its foundation  
as a state.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. ISTOOK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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of its foundation as a state.

Whereas the ancestors of the Hungarian nation, seven tribes excelling in horsemanship and handicrafts, settled in the Carpathian basin around the end of the 9th century;

Whereas during the next century this tribal association had accommodated itself to a permanently settled status;

Whereas the ruler of the nation at the end of the first millennium, Prince Stephen, realized with great foresight, that the survival of his nation depends on its adapting itself to its surroundings by becoming a Christian kingdom;

Whereas in 1000 A.D. Stephen, later canonized as Saint Stephen, adopted the Christian faith and had himself

crowned with a crown requested from Pope Sylvester II of Rome;

Whereas, by those acts, King Saint Stephen established Hungary as one of the seven Christian kingdoms of Europe of the time and anchored his nation in Western civilization forever;

Whereas during the past 1000 years, in spite of residing on the traditional warpath of invaders from the East and the West, the Hungarian nation showed great vitality in preserving its unique identity, language, culture, and traditions;

Whereas our own nation has benefited immensely from the hard work, dedication, scientific knowledge, and cultural gifts of hundreds of thousands of immigrants from Hungary; and

Whereas in this year Hungary also celebrates the tenth anniversary of its first post-communist free and democratic elections, the first such elections within the former Soviet empire: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3            (1) congratulates the Republic of Hungary, and  
4        Hungarians everywhere, on the one thousandth anniversary  
5        of the foundation of the Kingdom of Hungary by King Saint Stephen; and

7            (2) commends the Republic of Hungary for the  
8        great determination, skill, and sense of purpose it  
9        demonstrated in its recent transition to a democratic  
10       state dedicated to upholding universal rights and lib-

- 1 erties, a free market economy, and integration into
- 2 European and transatlantic institutions.

