

**Public Law 99-532  
99th Congress****Joint Resolution**

Oct. 27, 1986  
[S.J. Res. 308]

To designate March 25, 1987, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

Whereas the ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people; Whereas the Founding Fathers of the United States of America drew heavily upon the political and philosophical experience of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy;

Whereas March 25, 1987, marks the 166th anniversary of the beginning of the revolution which freed the Greek people from the Ottoman Empire;

Whereas these and other ideals have forged a close bond between our two nations and their peoples; and

Whereas it is proper and desirable to celebrate with the Greek people, and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which our two great nations sprang: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That March 25, 1987, is designated as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy", and that the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the designated day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 308:**

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Mar. 25, considered and passed Senate.

Oct. 1, considered and passed House, amended.

Oct. 8, Senate concurred in House amendment.