



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF VOICE OF AMERICA'S UKRAINIAN SERVICE

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WHEREAS, the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Ukrainian on December 12, 1949, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Ukrainian people;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Ukrainian Service has served for decades as a vital communications link to the Ukrainian people in support of freedom and democracy during the dark days of Soviet communist rule and through the challenges Ukraine faces today;

WHEREAS, with the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, the VOA's Ukrainian Service continued its mission to a newly independent Ukraine;

WHEREAS, the VOA's Ukrainian Service has successfully adopted television, online and mobile platforms to reach even greater numbers of Ukrainians;

WHEREAS, the VOA Ukrainian Service is a leading source of information for Ukrainians about U.S. official commentary and expert analysis on Ukraine, including such historic milestones as the Orange Revolution and the *Euromaidan* Revolution, as well as Russia's current aggression against Ukraine.

WHEREAS, the VOA Ukrainian Service is a unique source of information for Ukrainians about American society and its achievements in democratic governance, business, medicine, science, technology and the arts, which can serve as an inspiration and a model for Ukraine;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian has nurtured and developed successful partnerships with leading Ukrainian national television networks such as Channel 5, First National TV, ICTV, Channel 24 and 1+1 TV;

WHEREAS, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of VOA's Ukrainian Service in 2009, Senator Ben Cardin and Representatives Marcy Kaptur, Sander Levin, Jim Gerlach and Robert Wexler entered statements in the Congressional Record commending the service;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian remains a respected source of objective and accurate information about Ukraine, East European region, the United States and the rest of the world, with a major focus on democratic consolidation and the Ukrainian people's aspirations for integration with the West;

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian continues to broadcast to more than 45 million people in Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, VOA Ukrainian is the leading international broadcaster in Ukraine, surpassing its competitors with its audience reach on multiple platforms – television, Internet, social media and mobile – and with its TV programs airing on major national networks in Ukraine.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 65th anniversary of the Voice of America’s Ukrainian Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Broadcasting Board of Governors commends and congratulates both the current and former members of the Voice of America’s Ukrainian Service for their dedication in serving the Ukrainian people and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States.