Broadcasting Board of Governors

RESOLUTION

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

June 23, 2016

WHEREAS**,** the Voice of America (VOA) began broadcasting in Georgian on May 26, 1951, to provide accurate, balanced, and comprehensive news and information to the Georgian people;

WHEREAS, VOA's Georgian Service has served for decades as a vital communications link with the Georgian people in support of freedom and democracy during the last 65 years of harsh policies and rule by the Communist Party, and through the challenges Georgians face today;

WHEREAS, VOA's Georgian Service has successfully adopted television, online, mobile and social media platforms, and its stories and commentaries are remarkably efficient to solicit feedback by politicians and potential trendsetters;

WHEREAS, VOA Georgian is a leading source of news and information for Georgians about U.S. official commentary and expert analysis on Georgia, the Eurasia region and the world;

WHEREAS, VOA Georgian is a unique source of news and information for Georgians 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 Georgians;

WHEREAS, VOA Georgian remains a respected source of objective and accurate news and information about Georgia, Eurasia, the United States and the world, with a major focus on human rights, religious and cultural rights, freedom of speech, and democratic values and practices;

WHEREAS, VOA's Georgian Service continues to broadcast daily to more than three million people in Georgia and Georgian-speakers around the world; and

WHEREAS, VOA's Georgian Service is among the leading international broadcasters in the Georgian language and is surpassing its competitors with its audience reach on multiple platforms – television, Internet, radio and mobile – which are arguably the most popular and influential television programs in the Georgian language.

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 Georgian 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 Georgian Service for their dedication in serving the Georgian people and fostering friendship and the open communication of information and ideas between them and the United States.

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