



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO FREE EUROPE/RADIO LIBERTY'S GEORGIAN SERVICE – RADIO TAVISUPLEBA

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WHEREAS, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's (RFE/RL) Georgian Service, known locally as Radio Tavisupleba, first started broadcasting on March 18, 1953 to provide accurate, fact-based, professional reporting to the people of Georgia;

WHEREAS, with its reporting the Georgian Service has served as a rare source of balanced journalism in a country where much of the press openly supports, both editorially and through the selection of news, either the government or the opposition;

WHEREAS, the Georgian Service has expanded from a radio operation to a modern multimedia broadcaster, diversifying its media mix with popular TV programs and social media reporting;

WHEREAS, the Georgian Service is a critical source of information for audiences in Georgia who seek objective reporting and analysis about what is happening in their country and in the region;

WHEREAS, Georgian Service journalists have been lauded for reporting that reflects the highest journalistic standards and contributed to human understanding and peace, with many of the honors recognizing the service's attention to the role of gender in society, issues of domestic violence, and minority rights;

WHEREAS, the Service's daily one-hour Russian-language program "Ekho Kavkaza" (Echo of the Caucasus), launched in November 2009 and targeting audiences in Georgia's breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, has firmly established itself as a trustworthy, impartial, and informative media outlet, bridging the gap of mistrust between the ethnic groups living in the conflict zones; and

WHEREAS, the Georgian Service's broadcasting promotes U.S. interests by showcasing the importance of Western values, democratic ideals, and inclusivity via informative, professional, and engaging programming.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that we celebrate and commemorate the 65th anniversary of RFE/RL's Georgian Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board and CEO applaud and thank current and former members of the Georgian Service for its high-quality, professional reporting.