



RESOLUTION HONORING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF OFFICE OF CUBA BROADCASTING'S RADIO MARTI

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WHEREAS, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting's Radio Martí (the Martí) began broadcasting to Cuba on May 20, 1985, to provide accurate, balanced and comprehensive news and information to the Cuban people;

WHEREAS, Radio Martí has sought to serve for more than three and a half decades as a vital communications link to the Cuban people in support of freedom and democracy during economic, cultural and political hardships;

WHEREAS, the Martí have successfully adopted television, digital and mobile platforms to reach new audiences in Cuba;

WHEREAS, Radio Martí continues to be a unique source of uncensored news and information for Cubans about U.S. official policy, commentary and expert analysis on Cuba, the struggle for human rights, immigration reform, and the desire for private entrepreneurship on the island;

WHEREAS, the Martí are a unique source of information for Cubans about American society, as well as American achievements in business, medicine, science, technology and the arts, which can serve as an inspiration for a future democracy in Cuba;

WHEREAS, the Martí have nurtured and developed successful distribution networks on island, as well as the promotion of social media and anti-censorship tools for the free flow of information; and

WHEREAS, Radio Martí continues to broadcast news and information to Cuba drawing from the largest network of independent journalist and citizen reporters on the island.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Governors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the U.S. Agency for Global Media that we celebrate and commemorate the 35th anniversary of Radio Martí.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board and CEO commend and congratulate both the current and former members of the Radio Martí staff and all other Martí platforms for their dedication to fostering open communication of information and ideas between the people of Cuba and the United States.