

Resolution on the Occasion of Lithuania's Independence Day

We, members of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. of (identify chapter or city) assembled on (date) to honor the 754th year of Lithuania's statehood and the 89th year of the establishment of Lithuania on February 16, 1918, in Lithuania's historic capital, Vilnius, do hereby adopt the following resolutions.

Whereas, Lithuania's freedom was brutally suppressed by the Soviet, Nazi, and again the Soviet-regime since 1940 and was heroically restored by the people of Lithuania on March 11, 1990,

Whereas, Lithuania, now a full-fledged member of NATO and of the European Union, has signed of "The Vilnius 10" letter in 2003 and is contributing military and other professional expertise to the war against global terrorism,

We urge The Congress of the United States and the Bush Administration to support a visa waiver program for Lithuanian citizens.

We urge The Congress of the United States and the Bush Administration to challenge and censure Moscow for the increasing anti-democratic pressure being exerted on Lithuania.

We remind The Congress of the United States and the Bush Administration of implementation of *The Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on the Protection and Preservation of Certain Cultural Properties* ratified on August 3, 2006.

We urge The Congress of the United States and the Bush Administration to strengthen the U.S. relationship with Lithuania by increasing military assistance and cultural exchanges, and trade and investment between the United States and Lithuania.

We urge The Congress of the United States and the Bush Administration to work toward the demilitarization of the Kaliningrad region.

We remind The Congress of the United States that the government of the Russian Federation, as the self-proclaimed successor state of the Soviet Union, has made no move toward restitution to the Republic of Lithuania for the damages resulting from 50 years of illegal Soviet occupation as had been demanded in a referendum by the people of Lithuania.

We authorize the officers of the (local) chapter of the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc. to transmit a copy of this resolution, once adopted, to President George W. Bush, their elected representatives in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, the Embassy of Lithuania, the Embassy of the Russian Federation, and the national office of the Lithuanian American Community, Inc.

Adopted: (date) by a vote of ()

Signed by the Presiding Officer: