

Statement by Hon. John E. Fogarty, M.C. before the
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in great measure to the continuance of our liberty and independence - whose
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I strongly urge this Committee to report out House Joint
Resolution 97, originally submitted by me, which establishes October
11th as an official memorial day to General Casimir Pulaski.

General Pulaski, son of a Polish Count, born with the deep-
rooted love of freedom and liberty found in all Poles, gave his life's
blood for the independence of our country. In 1777, at a time when
the fortunes of our Revolutionary Army were at its lowest ebb, Pulaski
offered his services and his wealth to General Washington. With typical
Polish valor and zeal he threw himself into the battle for freedom. The
history of the United States is replete with the record of his actions
in all the major battles - Brandywine, Germantown, Trenton, Flemington
and Savannah. He so distinguished himself that Congress raised him to
the rank of Brigadier General and placed him in command of all cavalry.
On October 9, 1779 bravely leading a charge of his cavalry in the Siege
of Savannah, Pulaski was mortally wounded. He died two days later on
October 11th.

The memory of General Casimir Pulaski will always be revered
by the people of America. It has become inscribed in the hearts and
minds of all of us. Pulaski's name has become synonymous with our fondest
concepts of freedom, liberty and self-sacrifice. To honor his memory
as set out in this Joint Resolution is to publicly acknowledge the fact
that we do value these sentiments. To memorialize him is to reaffirm
that we, here in America, still hold the ideals of freedom and liberty in
high regard.

Such an action will also permit us to indicate our deep feeling for our brothers of Polish descent. Those great patriots who still retain the same sparks of freedom - who have contributed so much to the continuance of our liberty and independence - whose blood has been shed for these United States in every battle of every war.

It is an official memorial day to General Casimir Pulaski.

And it is a gesture to Poland, herself, - a prayer - an entreaty that she keep enkindled the seeds of liberty and freedom - those same attributes she so carefully nurtured in Casimir Pulaski - until such time as the shackles of her alien oppressor may be thrown off.

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House Joint Resolution 97 authorizes the President of the United States to issue a proclamation - calling for the display of the flag and the holding of ceremonies on October 11th of each year in commemoration of the death of General Casimir Pulaski.

I sincerely hope that it meets with your approval.

the rank of Major General and was killed in the battle of Red Bank.

On October 3, 1781 he bravely led a charge of his company in the battle of Red Bank. Pulaski was seriously wounded. He died ten days later on October 11th.

The memory of General Pulaski will always be revered by the people of America. His name is honored in the hearts and minds of all of us. Pulaski's name has become synonymous with our fondest concepts of freedom, liberty and self-sacrifice. To honor his memory as set out in this Joint Resolution is to publicly acknowledge the debt that we owe to this great Continent. To memorialize the name of Pulaski and his heroism in America, shall help the ideals of freedom and liberty to be more firmly established.