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A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating "Baltic States Freedom Day," marking the
2 anniversary of the Soviet Union's atrocious mass deportation
3 of Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians from their homelands,
4 June 14-16, 1941.

5 WHEREAS, The Baltic nations of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania
6 had achieved their independence following World War I; and

7 WHEREAS, As part of the Soviet Union's plan to end that
8 independence by annexing the Baltic nations, the Soviet Union
9 carried out a policy of brutal deportation from June 14 to 16,
10 1941, banishing more than 10,000 Estonians, Latvians and
11 Lithuanians from their homelands; and

12 WHEREAS, In the United States the Sunday closest to June 14-
13 16 is commemorated as "Baltic States Freedom Day," a day on
14 which persons of Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian heritage now
15 living in America hold joint meetings and religious services to
16 remember those tragic days in 1941 and to keep the flame of
17 national independence burning brightly; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate commemorate "Baltic States Freedom

1 Day" and salute those persons of Estonian, Latvian and
2 Lithuanian heritage who keep that spirit of national
3 independence alive.