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March 15 has traditionally been celebrated in Hungary as a patriotic holiday commemorating the Hungarian struggle against foreign domination in 1848-49. For the Hungarian people this date has come to symbolize the ideals of freedom and national independence to which they have steadfastly adhered and which they ever seek to achieve. October 23, the autumn day in 1956 when the Hungarian Revolution began, now takes its place beside March 15 in testimony of the Hungarian people's unyielding determination to be free.

Americans have been keenly interested in the Hungarian effort to achieve national independence ever since the Hungarian patriot, Louis Kossuth, was welcomed to the United States more than a century ago. This interest has continued through the years and has been heightened by the developments which took place in Hungary in 1956. In the United States, as elsewhere in the free world, the desire of the Hungarian people to live in freedom under a government of their own choosing is recognized as a matter of simple justice.

Until the Hungarian people achieve their full destiny, the case of Hungary will remain of direct concern to every person and every nation devoted to the cause of liberty.

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