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October 20, 2014

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Honorable Secretary General Ban Ki-moon,

Nick "The Greek" Ioannidis and the immigrant community of this United States of America want to remind you "National Immigrants Day" is October 28. You, your staff, and family are warmly invited to attend a celebration luncheon with us on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Nick the Greek Tailor Shop 2669 East Gage Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255. A ceremony will begin at 12noon with military soldiers raising the U.S. Flag, California Flag, and the United Nations Flag followed by lunch and refreshments.

"National Immigrants Day" became a Public Law 100-62 (S.J. Res 86) on June 29, 1987 by former U.S. Congressman August F. Hawkins. In an effort to acknowledge "National Immigrants Day" as a symbol of freedom, hope, and opportunity for all, I invite you to come and join our 28th year celebration honoring all immigrants who have made important contributions to our country. Since its conception, citizens from across the nation have been encouraged to celebrate this proud day.

I would like to also take this opportunity to invite you to visit my website at www.immigrantsday.com.

Thank you for your past participation and if you are new to this our yearly event, join us for a wonderful afternoon.

Sincerely,

Nick Ioannidis

Nick the Greek Ioannidis
Founder of National Immigrant's Day
By Act of Congress/October 28th, 1987

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Resolution

Whereas, Nick M. Ioannidis (Nick the Greek) has been a symbol of freedom, hope and opportunity to all those who gather in Huntington Park to participate in the activities in observance of National Immigrants Day; and

Whereas, for centuries, people from countries throughout the world have come to our great nation with the hope that they would be able to secure a better life for themselves and their families; and

Whereas, The United States truly is a country of great ethnic diversity and multicultural character which has provided our nation with boundless energy and strength and contributed significantly to our growth, progress and prosperity; and

Whereas, millions of immigrants settled throughout the vast territory of the United States and supported the ideals of independence and liberty, these immigrants have demonstrated the dedication and perseverance that enabled them to make their dreams come true; and

Whereas, Governors from all over this great country have proclaimed October 28th National Immigrants Day and encourage citizens to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities:

*Be it resolved by Maxine Waters,
Member of Congress that:*

the congress of the United States, does hereby salute Nick the Greek for his exemplary service to the children, parents, and communities of the City of Huntington Park and extend best wishes and continued success.



*Maxine Waters
Member of Congress
29th District*

Date October 28, 1992

Signed Maxine Waters



News from the Office of

Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins

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Statement by Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins
in behalf of Nick Ioannidis on his
celebration of American citizenship

April 13, 1988

Mr. Speaker, on April 13, 1988, Nick Ioannidis, a constituent of mine in Huntington Park, California will be celebrating his twelfth year as a citizen of the United States. To help celebrate this proud and unique occasion, a number of local community and fraternal organizations will come and express their support, including the Downey Elks Lodge No. 2020.

On October 14, 1969 Nick Ioannidis, known as "Nick the Greek", immigrated to America from a small island in North Greece. He came to California, and settled in the city of Huntington Park. A tailor by trade, Nick got a job with the May Company the second day he arrived in the United States. Because of his special talents, the company hired an interpreter for him, and within 2 years he had saved enough money to open his own tailor shop in Huntington Park. Once he got established at his place of business he applied for his citizenship papers and was sworn in as an American citizen.

Nick's celebration is rooted in the sincere pride he has for America and its tradition of liberty and freedom. Last year, in recognition of the great contributions of America's immigrants, the Congress designated October 28, 1987 as "National Immigrants Day". This Act was passed on that particular day and month to coincide with the Statue of Liberty dedication by France to the United States in

Immigrants came to America for a number of reasons, in search of freedom to worship, to escape political tyranny, or to flee from the wrenching grip of poverty. Others traded a labor term for freedom as indentured servants. And perhaps in our nation's darkest hour, slaves from Africa were bought and sold to supply labor for Southern plantations.

An indication of the great racial and cultural diversity of our nation is rooted ironically in the discovery of America. The name "America" was bestowed to this continent by a German mapmaker, Martin Waldseemuller, to honor an Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci. The three ships which discovered America sailed under a Spanish flag, were commanded by an Italian sea captain, and included in their crews an Englishman, an Irishman, a Jew and a Black - Pedro Alonzo Nino who navigated Columbus' flagship, the Nina.

Every ethnic minority has served to build and strengthen this great nation. Immigrants were largely responsible for our turn of the century transformation into a world industrial and agricultural giant. A report by Charles O. Paullin from the Dictionary of American Biography revealed the tremendous contributions of immigrants from the 18th and 19th Century in the following arts and sciences: 20 percent of the businessmen, 20 percent of the scholars and scientists, 23 percent of the painters, 24 percent of the engineers, 28 percent of the architects, 29 percent of the clergymen, 46 percent of the musicians and 61 percent of the actors were of foreign births.

As John F. Kennedy observed in his book, A Nation of Immigrants, adjustment to the new land presented a pressing challenge to the immigrant, but has enriched us as a society, and strengthened our national determination:

"The ideal of the 'melting pot' symbolized the process of blending many strains into a single nationality, and we have come to realize in modern times that the 'melting pot' need not mean the end of particular ethnic identities or traditions."

The former President went on to write that our nation's immigrants reminded every American that:

"change is the essence of life,
and that American society is a
process, not a conclusion."

Indeed, today John Kennedy would be proud of the great strides we have taken to improve the quality of life for all our citizens. Poet Walt Whitman, whose poems celebrated the dignity and freedom of the common man wrote,

"These States are the amplest poem,
Here is not merely a nation but
a teeming Nation of nations."

It gives me special pleasure to honor Nick Ioannidis in Congress and all the participants at the open house celebration on April