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"Yours are the Noblest of Aims" Daniel Patrick Moynihan, U.S. Senator

Custon s Park Toronto, Ontario

September S-7, 1987

On behalf of the Government of Onterio, I am pleased to extend warm greatings to everyone gathered in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the 66th Annual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization.

I offer a special word of congratulations this year as you mark the 65th Anniversary of your organization and also the 60th year of publication of the Macedonian Tribune.

Please accept my sincore best wishes successful convention and may your n of these important anniversaries be a sense of accomplishment in the past n the future.

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No.2055

August 27, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebanoff, President Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great pleasure that I extend to you and to the 66th Annual Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 5-7, 1987 of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada my sincere greetings and warmest best wishes.

I look with deep sympathy upon the Declaration of your Organization asking the nations by whom the Macedonian-Bulgerian are oppressed to grant the Macedonian-Bulgarians the freedoms which are identified in the Helsinki Accord.

Very truly yours,

Stacys A. Backis Charge d'Affaires

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THE WHITE HOUSE

August 30, 1987

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send warm greetings on behalf of President Reagan to the participants at the 66th Annual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization gathering in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This special event presents a welcome This special event presents a welcome opportunity to acknowledge gratefully the valuable role of your organization in promoting the culture of Macedonian Americans. By furthering this endeavor, you contribute to the diversity that enriches American life and is the foundation of our nation's strength. Your publications, such as the Macedonian Tribune which is celebrating its 60th anniversary, are an important contribution to the literary diversity and cultural splendor of America.

You can be proud of the outstanding contributions of your people and their descendants to the continuing progress of our nation. You have my best wishes for an enjoyable and productive gathering.

Sincerely.

Linas Kojelis
Linas Kojelis
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN

United States Senate

June 17, 1987

Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to send greetings to the members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. From the preservation of your religious and cultural heritage to the struggle for a free Macedonia, yours are the noblest of aims. I salute you. My great good wishes and congratulations!

Sincerely,

Daniel Patric Moynihan

Ivan A. Lebamoff, Esq.
The Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

From the United States Senate

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Dear Friends:

I send you my congratulations and best wishes as The Madcedonian Patriotic Organization of the U.S. and Canada assemble for its 66th annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As Macedonian-Americans, you enjoy a long and rich heritage. Of your traditions you can be justly proud. Moreover, like so many other-national groups who have come to the U.S. and Canada, you have poured your strength and energy into building two great nations on the North American continent.

Tonmend you and your ancestors for the richness you have added to our common U.S.-Canadian culture, and for the strong patriotic values that you have continued to nurture on these shores.

I know that your convention will be an unqualified success and that all attending will return to their respective communities and homes with deep inspiration.

With warm regards, I am

BOB DOLE

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE REPUBLICAN LEADER WASHINGTON, DC 20510-7020

July 22, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President The Macedonian Patriotic Organization 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Best wishes to all the members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization, as you begin your 66th Annual Convention.

The long, proud history of your native land needs to be preserved. And I know that the Macedonian Tribune, which is celebrating its 60th year of publication, plays a significant role in fostering your heritage and culture. May you have many more years of success -- and may the Macedonian people soon enjoy the freedom they desire an deserve.

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United States Senate

August 4. 1987

Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

I am pleased to welcome you to the Sixty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization. I als send my congratulations to the <u>Macedonian Tribune</u> for sixty years of fine journalism.

Your goals are certainly admirable ones. It is so important to our society that we may preserve the best traditions and religious of the Old World and practice and enjoy them in the freedom of our great United States.

I am grateful for your patriotic efforts and wish you a very pleasant and rewarding convention.

FRANK R. LAUTENBERG

PUBLIC WORLS

United States Senate

August 25, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff Lebamoff Law Offices 918 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to the Macedonian Patriotic Organization on the special occasion of its sixty-sixth Annual Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

This convention is a unique celebration of the special cultural heritage enjoyed by individuals of Macedonian origin and a fitting tribute to their many contributions and achievements to our society. Throughout decades of immigration, Macedonian immigrants have been leaders in the business, political, religious and artistic worlds. These individuals continue to enrich all aspects of American life today.

For over fifty years this annual gathering has been a rewarding and enriching experience for your members, and I wish you continued success.

ALAN CRANSTON

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 21, 1987

Lebamoff Law Offices c/o Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff 918 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

To the Members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization

My warm congratulations to you all on the 66th Annual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization.

The Members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization can indeed be proud of a long tradition of enhancing understanding and appreciation of Macedonia's cultural strength and political history.

My warm congratulations also to the Macedonian Tribune as it celebrates its 60th year of publication.

Best wishes and keep up the good work!

Leu Cranston

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United States Senate COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES WASHINGTON DC 20510-6300

August 26, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff 918 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

STATEMENT BY U.S. SENATOR HOWARD M. METZENBAUM FOR MACEDONIA PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION CONVENTION, 1987

I welcome you to Cincinnati for the Macedonian Patriotic Organization's Annual Convention of 1987; I am particularly proud that you chose Ohio as the site of your convention. As you all know, this year marks the 65th anniversary of your fine organization, as well as the 60th anniversary of your publication, The Macedonian Tribune. These milestones not only represent your successes, but also serve as a tribute to all ethnic groups that strive to prosper and encourage a spirit of patriotism and community. I applaud your efforts to promote and preserve your heritage, as well as to work to free Macedonian from tyrannical oppression. Your prior successes and future prospects stand as a tribute to the strength and commitment of your members. Additionally, your accomplishments reflect the importance of your common heritage and your dedication to sharing this heritage with future generations of men and women of

I would also like to extand a special welcome to the Members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization from Ohio. I know that many of you have come from Springfield, Akron, Youngstown, Cincinnati, and other locations throughout the State, and I salute your devotion to this fine organization.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to be with all of you in this way, and I wish you continued success in the years to come.

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BILL BRADLEY

United States Senate

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August 27, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff Lebamoff Law Offices 915 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Please accept my congratulations as the Macedonian Patriotic Organization celebrates its 65th Anniversary. This is certainly an important moment in your organization's proud history.

Your dedication and hard work have served not only the Macedonian community but have promoted the values and standards of freedom and democracy which are important to us all. My best wishes on the occasion of your 66th Annual Convention and the 60th anniversary of the publication The Macedonian Tribune.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Auj Smilley Bill Bradley U United States Senator

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PAUL SIMO

United States Senate

August 25, 1987

Ivan A. Lebamoff President The Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my warmest regards and wish the Macedonian Patriotic Organization the best of luck as it begins its 66th Annual Convention September 5 through September 7 in Cincinnati.

This celebration is tribute to the tremendous resourcefulness, courage, and unity of the Macedonian people and their deacendants in the struggle to preserve their rich religious and cultural heritage against great odds.

Best wishes for a great event

Paul Simon United States Senator

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AND INDEPENDENT MACEDONIA.

ALFONSE M. D'AMATO

United States Senate

GTON, DC 20510 August 5, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President President
Macedonian Patriotic Organization of
the United States and Canada
918 S. Calhoun Street
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

It pleases me to join in the spirit of your 66th Annual Convention and have the opportunity to extend my warmest

The Macedonian Patriotic Organization has a tradition you can all be proud of. This is guite an occasion, and may you remember it in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate WASHINGTON, DC 20510-8250

September 5, 1987

Macedonian Patriotic Association 66th Annual Convention Ivan A. Lebamoff, President 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802

I am delighted to send greetings to the Macedonian Patriotic Association of the United States of America and Canada at your 66th Annual Convention.

This year it gives me special pleaure to welcome you to Ohio's Queen City, Cincinnati. I am sure you will find outstanding hospitality and facilities in that historic city.

Annie join me in saluting you and wishing you a successful and productive convention.

Best regards.

John Glenn United States Senator

Sincerely

CARL LEVIN

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510 June 22, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff Lebamoff Law Offices 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Friends:

While I cannot be with you in Cincinnati on September 7th, I send you greetings and good wishes. Sixty-six years is a significant milestone for the Macedonian Patriotic Organization. I compliment you all on your good works over the years and wish you well in future years.

Carl Levin

CL/hgp



UNITED STATES SENATE

RICHARD G. LUGAR

June 18, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff The Macedonian Patriotic Organization 918 S. Calhoun St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

Thank you for sending me notice of your organization's coming 66th Annual Convention in Cincinnati. I appreciate being kept informed of your events, but am unable to attend on that date.

I congratulate the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada on the occasion of its 65th Anniversary and also salute the <u>Macedonian Tribune</u> for its sixty years of service.

I am a fifth generation Hoosier, but my ancestors hailed from Germany. I recognize the importance of maintaining one's cultural heritage and identity as immigrants.

I look forward to reading about your organization's anniversary and activities in the newspapers and wish you all well.

Sincerely,

Aluk Jusar

Richard G. Lugar

United States Senator



UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

PETE WILSON

September 5, 1987

Mr. Ivan F. Lebamoff President The Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 South Calboun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff

It is indeed my honor and pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to the Nacedonian Patriotic Organization on the celebration of your 66th annual convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Per organizations can celebrate such a long and rich tradition of humanitarian and philanthropic efforts.

I am especially pleased to recognize the Macedonian Patriotic Organization on this historic occasion — contribly the members of MPO can take pride in knowing they have enriched the lives and lifted the spirits of so many people, young and old.

Hay the next 66 years be as productive and prosperous as the last 66 years. With my warmest wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Peter Vilson



UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

JOHN HEINZ

August 27, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff, President Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Friende:

It is a pleasure to greet you at your 66th Annual Convention, commersing the 65th Annual Convention, somersing the 65th Annuaversay as well as the 60th year for the Macedonian Tribune. There is quite a bit of history in the background of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization, and you are to be commended for maintaining such a group.

Your goal of interfelations between your respective countries, the United States, and Canada is a reminder to all of us that friendship is a basis for peace. The Tichness of culture preserved by your efforts is a gift to the future.

Please accept my best wishes on this occasion.

Sincerely,

John Heinz

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United States Supror

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DAN ROSTENKOWSKI

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

August 24, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President, Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

It is my great pleasure to write and congratulate the Macedonian Patriotic Organization on the occasion of its 66th Annual Convention in Cincinnati.

One of the great strengths shared by the United States and Canada is the wealth of heritage and traditions brought to our shores, and kept alive here, by the sons and daughters of many countries. I know of no group which aurpasses the Macedonian Patriotic Organization in fervent faithfulness to the religious and cultural heritage of its people.

Your work in the cause of promoting interest and pride in Macedonia, and loyalty to the United States and Canada, brings great credit on yourselves and your families living here and abroad. I hope you have a very successful and enjoyable convention.

With best personal regards to all, I remain

Dan Rostenkowski Member of Congress

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June 26, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 66th Annual Convention of the Macedonian Fatriotic Organization of the United States and Canada. I send to you greetings from the Boosiers of northeastern Indiana, the birthplace of your fine organization.

I applaud the worthy goals of your organization of preserving your cultural and religious heritage and of seeing your native land freed from the tyranny which now oppresses it. But even more, I am proud of your efforts to promote patrictism and love for our great countries, uniting under your common Macedonian heritage to strengthen the heritage that America and Canada is building each day.

Congratulations on your 65th Anniversary. May your organization continue to prosper and to achieve the fine goals that you have set forth. Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dan Coats
Member of Congress

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August 20, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Mayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

I am writing to congratulate the Macedonian Patriotic Organization on hosting its 66th Annual Convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 5 through September 7, 1987.

I am well aware of the activities of your organization on the national level and through the various chapters in my state. The Maccalonian Patriotic Organization has made a unique contribution to both the promotion of patriotism and the appreciation of our cherished freedoms.

As an organization composed of emigrants from Macedonia and their descendants in the Free World, your efforts to preserve religious and cultural horizage serve as a reminder of the continued importance of the American melting pot.

Please extend my warmest regards to all participants and accept my best wishes for a successful meeting.

PETER W. RODINO, JR.

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Greetings were also received from Senator Edward M. Kennedy Senator Alan J. Dixon Senator William Proxmire



PHIL SHARP

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives Weshington, DC 20515

June 30, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President The Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization's 66th Annual Convention in September.

I would like to extend to you and your membership my very best wishes for a productive event. One of the great aspects of our country is the variety of backgrounds and cultures our citizens offer. Each of us benefits from organizations such as the Macedonian Patriotic Organization through the work you do in each of your communities.

Again, my best wishes to you and your members.

Phil Sharp Member of Congress

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 17, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff 918 S. Calhoun St. Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

Please allow me to offer my best wishes to you on the 66th λ nnual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization.

As you meet in Cincinnati, I hope your members will have the opportunity to renew old friendships and share your proud heritage. May this convention be a very successful one.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Jesse Helms

United States Senate

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 22, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff President The Central Committee Macedonian Patriotic Organization 98 East Calhoun St. Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Mr. President:

As your long-time friend and one who addressed your Convention at Fort Wayne last year I would like to send you this letter on the eve of the 66th MPO Convention in Cincinnati.

Please copyey to all the members of the Central Committee, to Dedo Kyril, all the delegates and participants my warmest regards and best wishes for the success of the Convention. May this memorable gathering of Macedonian-Bulgarian patriots be as successful as the last one in 1966. I will always have fond memories of my visit with all of you a year ago.

May the Lord bless you all, give you good health and endurance in the continuing struggle for realization of your goal: a free and independent Macedonia?

Cincinnati, where you are going to gather, is my favorite city; it was my first residence when I arrived in this country as an immigrant in May of 1950.

With best wishes and friendly greetings I remain

Da sicri nezaviona makedonija!

Cordially yours, Jeorge J. Proić, George J. Proić, Ph. D. Professor of History

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August 1, 1987

Ivan A. Lehamoff President The Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada 918 South Calbuum Street Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

We want to take this opportunity to extend our warmest regards and best wishes to the Macedonian Patriotic Organization as you begin your 66th Annual Convention in Cincinnati.

For many years, the Macedonian people and their descendants have struggled against oppressive forces to preserve their rich cultural and religious heritage. Today, the strength, exuberance, and vibrancy of MPO is a tribute to Macedonian perseverance and dedication.

Best of luck on what we are confident will be a terrific convention. Let freedom ring!

Sincerely youth

Dennis Deconcini
Dennis Deconcini
United States Senator

WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI United States Representative Co-chair, DNC Ethnic Council

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Greetings,

I offer my congratulations and best wishes as you colebrate the 65th Anniversary of the Macedonian Patrictic Organization. For several generations your membership has continued to grow and enhance the lives of Macedonians from all over the world.

This momentous occasion offers another opportunity to promote patrictism among your members towards your respective countries, and as well as continuing to strive to free Macedonia from oppression. I wish you success in these goals.

Macedonians have made significant and generous contributions to the community of Fort Wayne. Our quality of life has been greatly enhanced because of the strengths of these people. We have all learned from the rich heritage that your members have shared with our community.

I hope you all enjoy this 66th Annual Convention, and wish you much joy as you celebrate and preserve your cultural and religious heritage.

Sincerely, Win Moses Jr. Mayor

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August 13, 1987

Mr. Ivan A. Lebamoff 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Dear Ivan

I was pleased to learn that the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada will be holding its 66th Annual Convention in Cincinatti, Ohio on September 5-7, 1987.

The efforts of your organization on behalf of the entire Macedonian community are a great contribution to our two nations. The people of Canada and the United States have always prided themselves on their rich cultural, religious and ethnic diversity. Diversity has been a source of strength and vigor for our societies. Outcast and oppressed peoples from all over the world have come to the United States and Canada seeking freedom, and they have struggled to build societies based on equality and colorance. They have stood up for these principles, and fought for them, in every corner of the globe.

Your organization's twin goals of maintaining a distinct heritage and promoting patriotism are an investment in the future of freedom for people everywhere. I commend you for your important service to our nation and to the Canadian people.

I hope that all goes well at your convention this September. With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

LHH/jc

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August 14, 1987

The Macedonian Patriotic Organization c/o Ivan A. Lebamoff, President 918 S. Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, IN. 46802

To the Macedonian Patriotic Organization:

Congratulations to your fine organization on your 66th annual convention in Gincinnati. The Macedonian Patrictic Organization is one which all Americans can appreciate. Your preservation of the Macedonian heritage is an example from which everyone can learn.

All Americans should be as concerned with their heritage as the members of your organization are. Again, congratulations on your 66th annual convention.

Sincerely

Mary Kaptur MARCY KAPTUR Member of Congress

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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September 5, 1987

Macedonian Patriolic Organization 66th Annual Convention Cincinnati, Ohio

Greetings:

Needless to say, the goals of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization are truly commendable. Striving to free Macedonia from the tyranny which plegues it should be a task which every citizen of the free world should, in one way or another, support. We who enjoy the privileges of a free society must never take our heritage for granted.

The United States and Canada are melting pots, attracting many emigrants from all societies. It is beneficial to our societies for immigrants to retain the religious and cultural heritages of the nations from which they have come. I encourage you in your efforts, and I congratulate you on your 65th Anniversary!

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STATE OF NEW YORK EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

August 26, 1987

Dear Mr. Lebamoff:

It gives me great pleasure to send greetings to the Macedonian Patriotic Organization as you hold your 66th Annual Convention.

You can take pride in your efforts to preserve your religious and cultural heritage, in addition to promoting patriotism in your respective countries, the United States and Canada. As you celebrate the 65th anniversary of your organization and the 60th anniversary of the Macedonian Tribung, please accept my congrabulations.

Best wishes for a successful Convention,

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Ivan A. Lebamoff, Esq. 918 South Calhoun Street Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

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Greetings from the Congress

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

For: THE 66th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

By: CONGRESSWOMAN MARY ROSE OAKAR

WHEREAS, Congress is especially pleased to note the 66th Annual Convention of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization, which is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 5th through 7th, 1987; and

WHEREAS, This year's Convention celebrates the 65th Anniversary of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization and the 60th Anniversary of the <u>Macedonian Tribune</u>, their outstanding newspaper; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization are dedicated to preserving their religious and cultural heritage, while striving to return the Right of Self-Determination to Macedonia; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States congratulates the members of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization as they celebrate their 65th Anniversary, and wishes them a successful 66th Convention.



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