

U.S. states, cities welcome German unity

A number of American states and cities recognized the importance of welcoming the unification of Germany by designating Oct. 3 as German Reunification Day. The Schiller Institute, an international organization dedicated to promoting the German classical culture of Beethoven and Schiller, had campaigned for such U.S. endorsements of the historic German events. Several cities used a proclamation drafted by the Schiller Institute as the basis for their own declarations.

Louisiana

Proclamation by Gov. Buddy Roemer:

Whereas, on October 3, 1990, the historic reunification of West and East Germany will occur, to be marked by official celebrations throughout the new nation of Germany; and

Whereas, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is the "Symphony of Hope" and Friedrich Schiller's "Ode to Joy" in the Fifth Stanza [sic] of the Ninth Symphony was in honor of the American Revolutionary War; and

Whereas, a new Germany, committed to scientific progress, technological development, and Western Judeo-Christian values, could serve as the engine for general economic recovery of the devastated economies of the former East bloc and the developing sector;

Whereas, plans to make the Middle East desert bloom, to turn the now arid wastes into booming urban centers, have been developed, and await only determination and courage to be implemented;

Now, therefore, I, Buddy Roemer, governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 3, 1990 as *German Unity Day* throughout the State of Louisiana.

Maryland

Allegany County:

Whereas, on October 3rd, the historic reunification, of West and East Germany will occur, to be marked by official celebrations throughout the new nation of Germany, and

Whereas, a new Germany, committed to scientific progress, technological development, and Western Judeo-Christian values, could serve as the engine for general economic recovery in the West, as well as for the development of the devastated economies of the former East bloc and the developing sector;

Now, therefore, we, the County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland, hereby proclaim October 3, 1990 as *German Unity Day*.

Texas

Proclamation by Gov. William P. Clements:

German immigrants played a major role in the development of Texas, bringing with them their culture, their love of freedom, their industriousness, and their commitment to contribute to the building of this great democratic republic.

It is proper and fitting that the people of Texas recognize that, after more than 40 years of Communist dictatorship, the people of East Germany achieved their freedom. The dramatic and peaceful revolution of 1990 culminated with the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, allowing the people to reunite their country and become part of the western alliance.

Therefore, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, do hereby designate October 3, 1990 as *Reunification of Germany Day*.

The city of Fort Worth:

Whereas, Fort Worth and Trier, West Germany have been Sister Cities since 1987; and,

Whereas, for more than 40 years the people of Germany have lived under two separate flags; and,

Whereas, that separation will end when Germany celebrates Unification Day:

Now, therefore,

I, Bob Bolen, Mayor of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, do hereby proclaim October 3, 1990, as *German Unification Day*,

and express our joy to our Trier Sister Cities friends that they have been candid with their countrymen to the east and wish the unified Germany our best wishes.

The city of Arlington:

Whereas, the people of East and West Germany having endured separation for 45 years, and have shown great courage and given hope to the world by the peaceful liberation of the East and reunification with the West; and

Whereas, being guided by their love for freedom and inspired by the classical thinkers of their historic past, the people of Germany, holding to cultural and family ties far outweighing government policies and political ideologies, have involved themselves in a determined revolution reminiscent of our own American Revolution; and

Whereas, the newly unified Germany offers great promise toward economic development and exchange on their home front and the promotion of peace and freedom that is encouraging to a world threatened by hunger, depression and aggressive confrontations;

Now, therefore, I, Richard E. Greene, mayor of the city of Arlington, Texas, do declare October 3, 1990 *Germany Reunited Day*.