

## Preamble Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To amend the preamble.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. Res. 124**

Celebrating the heritage of Romani Americans.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CARDIN (for  
himself and Mr. WICKER)

Viz:

1 Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas the ancestry of the Romani people, also called the  
Roma, can be traced to the Indian subcontinent;

Whereas Romani people have been a part of European immi-  
gration to the United States since the colonial period and  
particularly following the abolition of the enslavement of  
Romani people in the historic Romanian principalities;

Whereas Romani people live across the world and throughout  
the United States;

Whereas the Romani people have made distinct and impor-  
tant contributions in many fields, including agriculture,  
art, crafts, literature, medicine, military service, music,  
sports, and science;

Whereas, on April 8, 1971, the First World Romani Congress  
met in London, bringing Romani people together from

across Europe and the United States with the goal of promoting transnational cooperation among Romani people in combating social marginalization and building a positive future for Romani people everywhere;

Whereas April 8 is therefore celebrated globally as International Roma Day;

Whereas Romani people were victims of genocide carried out by Nazi Germany and its Axis partners, and an estimated 200,000 to 500,000 Romani people were killed by Nazis and their allies across Europe during World War II;

Whereas, on the night of August 2–3, 1944, the so-called “Gypsy Family Camp” where Romani people were interned at Auschwitz-Birkenau was liquidated, and in a single night, between 4,200 and 4,300 Romani men, women, and children were killed in gas chambers;

Whereas many countries are taking positive steps to remember and teach about the genocide of Romani people by Nazi Germany and its Axis partners; and

Whereas the United States Congress held its first hearing to examine the situation of Romani people in 1994: Now, therefore, be it