



SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION ON GRATITUDE TO JOHN SHIMKUS

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania,

having regard to the fact that the long-standing member of the US House of Representatives is bidding farewell to the Congress of the United States of America and, regrettably, this great Lithuanian, a long-standing Head of the House Baltic Caucus, who once, arms in hand, stood guard over the freedom of the allies in the Federal Republic of Germany and was among the most active advocates of Lithuania's membership of NATO and a great help to Lithuania on all matters, will no longer be in the new House of Representatives,

recalling that John Shimkus was one of the most active congressmen in persuading the US Congress to liberalise trade in liquefied natural gas and approve NATO's defence plans for the Baltic States, in countering Russia's aggression against Ukraine, in proclaiming and regularly commemorating Black Ribbon Day at the US Congress, in fighting against the Kremlin's hostile propaganda and disinformation, in establishing the American-Lithuanian Business Council, and launching a host of other initiatives of support to the Baltic States,

showing its appreciation of his overall contribution to the freedom cause of the Baltic States,

expresses, on behalf of Lithuania, its utmost gratitude to John Shimkus for his steady 23-year-long concern for Lithuania's security.

Speaker of the Seimas

Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen