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MUSKIE SUPPORTS BILL TO MAKE THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO HOME A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

WASHINGTON -- Senator Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine) announced on Tuesday, June 1, 1971, his support for legislation introduced by Senator Vance Hartke, to make the Thaddeus Kosciuszko home at 301 Pine Street, Philadelphia, a national historic site.

In remarks prepared for the Senate, Senator Muskie said, "I am pleased to cosponsor Senator Hartke's bill to establish the Thaddeus Kosciuszko home at 301 Pine Street in Philadelphia as a National Historic Site. In paying tribute to General Kosciuszko in this way, we will be doing more than honoring one of the military geniuses of the American revolution. We will be doing more than officially recognizing the contributions of a beloved son of Poland. We will be honoring a man whose entire life was a testimony to freedom for which he fought.

"Thaddeus Kosciuszko was one of the many outstanding sons of Europe who journeyed to the New World to aid the cause of American independence. He served that cause brilliantly -- first, by designing the fortifications at West Point and Saratoga, and later by fighting gallantly in General Greene's Carolina Campaign.

"Not content to merely participate in a struggle against tyranny in a foreign land, Kosciuszko returned home to Poland in 1784 to lead his people in their unsuccessful uprisings against foreign domination. His leadership in that rebellion established him as a Polish national hero."

The Senator urged immediate action on this legislation so that the Kosciuszko home could be made a National Historic Site before this nation celebrates its 200th Anniversary.

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