



## RESOLUTION

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### **RESOLUTION ON 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF VOA CREOLE SERVICE March 11, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Voice of America started a five-minute news feed in the early 1980s with one broadcaster, and it became a regularly scheduled broadcast on February 7th, 1986, when a popular uprising forced Haitian dictator Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier into exile;

WHEREAS, the VOA Creole Service has continued to meet the information and humanitarian needs of the Haitian people since then;

WHEREAS, VOA has long been the leading international broadcaster in Haiti, with research indicating a weekly audience of 50 percent of the adult population; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, the Creole Service has covered many stories of significance to the Haitian audience:

- The military coup of 1991 that ousted the first democratically-elected President of Haiti;
- The reinstatement of the Aristide government by a US-led multi-national force in 1994;
- The inauguration of Barack Obama as the first African-American President of the United States.
- The January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti and its aftermath.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Broadcasting Board of Governors that we celebrate and commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voice of America’s Creole Service.

Be it further resolved that the Board commends and congratulates both the current and former members of VOA’s Creole Service for their dedication in serving the Haitian community, and in implementing U.S. foreign policy goals through the open communication of information and ideas in the Creole language.

Walter Isaacson  
Chairman  
Broadcasting Board of Governors

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