

From: Independence Hall Foundation
Sent: 7/3/2015 8:17:04 AM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc:
Subject: Reaction to Honoring Marco Rubio; Event Update and Last Call

<https://d2zhgehghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/3504/original/1412563575547-lsq2n3jmskc8r529-a49943e7495a7f53c7193e7ae306a512.jpg?1412563568>

July 3rd, 2015, 6:30 PM

Dear Members and Friends,

A dear friend of the Independence Hall Foundation, **Janet Cantor**, sent the press release below, announcing **Marco Rubio** as a recipient of the Foundation's *2015 Jefferson Defense of Liberty Award* for his work to free the **Cuban people**, to human rights activist, professor, and renowned author **Carlos Eire**. Here is moving the email chain:

Janet Cantor wrote:

Dear Teri,
Thank you so much for honoring Marco Rubio for his defending the Cuban people. It sickens me that Obama is establishing an embassy in Cuba...

I will forward this to some Cuban exiles who should see this, Professor Carlos Eire who wrote two memoirs about the loss of his childhood because of Castro, Humberto Fontova, who writes about the real Che Guevara, and my good friend George Moneo. I will also send it to Jay Nordlinger who often writes about Cuba....

In an email to Carlos Eire, Janet Cantor wrote:

It fascinates me that the Pope will be visiting prisoners of Philadelphia jails, who get there by committing crimes like rape and murder and theft, and yet can find no time to visit with prisoners of Cuban Gulags most of whom only got there by wishing to be free.

Janet

Carlos Eire wrote:

Excellent! and so rare!
I'm amazed. Pretty soon giving awards to conservatives will be illegal,

especially to Lateeeeeeen-oh conservatives!
Too bad the pope's trip won't coincide with this event. He could have been invited.

Our award to Marco Rubio is a small gesture, but it carries with it a huge prayer on this, the **239th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence** -- that the nation of Cuba, 90 miles off the coast of Florida, may one day experience the same precious freedom and liberty granted to us by our **Founders** with the blessing of our **Creator**.

<https://d2zhgeghghqjuwb.cloudfront.net/accounts/3504/original/1435923127938-84epHz0rywvu0udi-410fe9bf37b63209118d23ceae4eb87a.jpg>

We wish the Pope, Marco Rubio, and you were all attending today's event (details below)--and it's not too late. If you would like to join us, **WNTP 990 AM, John Fund, Congressman Pat Meehan, Charlie Gerow, Anna Little**, and other guests, you can still purchase a ticket at the door.

Happy Independence Day!

On behalf of the **Foundation Board**,
Don Adams

For Immediate Release
Contact: Cort Rosholt, 609.354.8767
Don Adams, 215.620.3055

Foundation Names Marco Rubio as Recipient of Its 2015 Defender of Liberty Award for His Work to Free the Cuban People; Condemns Obama Administration for Re-establishing Relations with a Terrorist Dictatorship Calls Rubio's Leadership on Cuba a Profile in Courage

Philadelphia, PA (July 2, 2015) -- In advance of its July 3rd event, the Independence Hall Foundation Board has announced, today, that Senator Marco

Rubio has been named the recipient of its *2015 Jefferson Defender of Liberty Award* for his strong support of a free Cuban nation.

At the same time, the Foundation condemned the Obama Administration for re-establishing diplomatic ties with the brutal Castro dictatorship that has exported communist revolution and terrorism.

"Yesterday, in the White Rose Garden, President Obama said that he is moving forward with the establishment of an embassy in Havana, Cuba. That action is an affront to all of those, in the Western Hemisphere, who hold liberty dear to their hearts," said Foundation spokeswoman, Teri Adams.

"Why is the Obama Administration propping up the Communist Cuban government just when it appeared to be on the verge of economic collapse due to diminished financial assistance from its key ally, Venezuela?"

"Establishing relations with Cuba, now, will not lead to the liberation of the Cuban people, it will enable the Castro brothers to maintain a firm grip over the island nation.

"To his credit, Senator Rubio, who has staunchly opposed the corrupt Castro Regime throughout his political career, has promised to lead the effort, in the US Senate, to block the President's appointment of a US Ambassador to Cuba--a strategy we wholeheartedly support," said Ms. Adams.

"In its more than 50 year of dictatorship, the Castro regime has committed unspeakable atrocities against its own citizens, including widespread murder, torture, and political incarceration. It has exported communist revolution to Nicaragua and other nations while forming alliances with drug cartels in Columbia and elsewhere.

"Until this year, Cuba was listed as a terrorist nation by the US State Department. And to this very day, it is harboring US fugitives.

"Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to Senator Rubio for not giving into the enormous pressure to accept the normalization of relations with Cuba. His is a profile in courage," said Ms. Adams.

Last year, on July 4, the Foundation presented the 2014 Jefferson Defender of Liberty Award to Natalia Shyrba, a representative of the American-Ukrainian organization Razom. Ms. Shyrba accepted the award on behalf of the Ukrainian People.

The annual Defender of Liberty Award, established in 2013, is given to an individual, or group of individuals, who courageously defend the notion of liberty as advanced by Thomas Jefferson in the *Declaration of Independence*.

#

Media Advisory

John Fund to Address Papal Climate Change Encyclical, Congressman Meehan to Discuss SCOTUS ObamaCare Decision During July 3rd Celebration of Magna Carta/American Independence

Philadelphia, PA (June 30, 2015) -- The Independence Hall Foundation and WNTP 990 AM is hosting a celebration of the 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta and the 239th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with the theme: *From Runnymede to Independence Hall and Beyond*, on July 3rd at the Independence Visitors Ballroom.

Renowned conservative author and thinker, John Fund, will speak critically on "Magna Carta and the Pope's Encyclical, *Laudato Si*". Congressman Pat Meehan (PA-6) will discuss the "Aftermath of the Supreme Court's ObamaCare Decision". Charlie Gerow, founder of Quantum Communications, will discuss the "Origins of Magna Carta".

What: Independence Hall Foundation celebration of the Magna Carta and the Declaration of Independence and a discussion on their relevance today.

When: Friday, June 3rd, 2015, 4-5:30 PM.

Where: Independence Visitors Center Ballroom, 6th and Market Streets, Philadelphia.

Who: Independence Hall Foundation; John Fund, National Affairs Editor, National Review Online, Contributor, American Spectator; Congressman Pat Meehan (PA-6); Charlie Gerow, Public Relations Consultant, Attorney, Professor, former Senior Political Advisor to Ronald Reagan.

Why: To keep our members, friends, and the larger community informed regarding the significant historic dates and their relation to current events.

#

The Independence Hall Foundation is a regional, tri-state (DE, PA, NJ), non-profit, conservative