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## Parliament claims the Constitution as "the most effective cure against discord"

### 45th anniversary of Spanish Constitution

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**USPA NEWS** - This Wednesday, December 6, the Spanish Congress of Deputies hosted the commemorative event for Constitution Day, which the Spanish Parliament celebrates every year in tribute to the fundamental text of the State, on the occasion that commemorates its approval in a referendum in 1978. The president of the Congress, Francina Armengol, highlighted that "our law of laws continues to be the most effective cure against discord" and celebrated its anniversary as a "reason for democratic health." Members of both chambers, members of the Government, representatives of high State institutions, deputies, senators and other authorities were present at the event.

The president of Congress, Francina Armengol, and the president of the Senate, Pedro Rollan, greeted the guests in the Agenda Hall upon their arrival at the Palace. The presidents of the Chambers, together with the President of the Government, Pedro Sanchez, headed towards the Hall of the Lost Steps, where the central event took place. The authorities and guests at the event were located in the Conference Hall or Hall of the Lost Steps: members of the Congress and Senate Boards, parliamentary spokespersons, members of the Government, former presidents of the Chambers, as well as deputies, senators and the rest. of guests.

The event began with the performance of the musical piece 'Those small things' by the singer Maria Berasarte, accompanied by Pablo Martin Caminero on double bass. Next, the articles of the Constitution were read. Specifically, Andrea Gonzalez, president of the Youth Council of Spain, read article 48 of the Constitution; Luis Cayo Perez Bueno, president of the Spanish Committee of Representatives of People with Disabilities (CERMI), read article 10; the singer Maria Berasarte read article 137 in Spanish, Catalan, Basque and Galician; Ana Bella Estevez Jimenez de los Galanes, founder of the Ana Bella Foundation to help abused women, read article 14; Eva Saldaña Buenache, executive director of Greenpeace; read article 45; and second grade student Pablo Ruiz Moreno read article 39 of the Spanish Constitution.

Next, the president of Congress gave her speech, in which she recalled that, with the approval of the 1978 Constitution, Spain "took the necessary step to consolidate the democracy that we enjoy today." "That social reality," Armengol continued, "constituted from a newly released freedom, we must always remember with pride."

The president of the Lower House stressed that "in these 45 years, citizens have not only kept the flame of the Constitution burning, but have spread its light to advance strongly towards a future of opportunities and progress." She also recalled that it was "the first in our history that was developed under the broad consensus of several and varied political forces," and highlighted that "it maintains the best guarantee of coexistence."

After his words, the event concluded with the musical piece 'Al alba', also performed by Berasarte. Before the institutional ceremony, the solemn raising of the National Flag took place on the occasion of Constitution Day, in tribute to the Spanish Parliament and organized by the Defense Staff, in the Plaza de la Marina Española in Madrid, headquarters of the Senate.

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