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Congressman Chris Smith, Chairman of the human rights subcommittee on the Foreign Affairs Committee, commented that "their [slaves] freedom must be secured as part of the South's declaration of independence."

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