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To designate August 1, 1993, as “Helsinki Human Rights Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DECONCINI (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RIEGLE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. SASSER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DODD, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. PELL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. BURNS, Mr. COATS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GLENN, Mr. DOLE, Mr. WOFFORD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. METZENBAUM, Mr. MATHEWS, Mr. SIMON, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MACK, Mr. REID, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. EXON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FORD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. SARBANES) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate August 1, 1993, as “Helsinki Human Rights Day”.

Whereas August 1, 1993, is the 18th anniversary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) (hereafter referred to as the “Helsinki Accords”);

Whereas the participating States have declared that “the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms and the strengthening of democratic institutions

continue to be a vital basis for our comprehensive security”;

Whereas the participating States have declared that “respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights of persons belonging to national minorities, democracy, the rule of law, economic liberty, social justice, and environmental responsibility are our common aims”;

Whereas the participating States have acknowledged that “there is still much work to be done in building democratic and pluralistic societies, where diversity is fully protected and respected in practice”;

Whereas the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina has resulted in organized, systematic, and premeditated war crimes and genocide and threatens stability and security in Europe;

Whereas growing ethnic tensions, civil unrest, and egregious human rights violations in several of the newly admitted CSCE states, most notably in Tajikistan, are resulting in significant violations of CSCE commitments; and

Whereas the CSCE has contributed to positive developments in Europe by promoting and furthering respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals and groups and provides an appropriate framework for the further development of such rights and freedoms and genuine security and cooperation among the participating States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HELSINKI HUMAN RIGHTS DAY.**

4 (a) DESIGNATION.—August 1, 1993, the 18th anni-
5 versary of the signing of the Final Act of the Conference

1 on Security and Cooperation in Europe, is designated as
2 “Helsinki Human Rights Day”.

3 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is authorized
4 and requested to issue a proclamation reasserting Ameri-
5 ca’s commitment to full implementation of the human
6 rights and humanitarian provisions of the Helsinki Ac-
7 cords, urging all signatory States to abide by their obliga-
8 tions under the Helsinki Accords, and encouraging the
9 people of the United States to join the President and Con-
10 gress in observance of Helsinki Human Rights Day with
11 appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

12 (c) HUMAN RIGHTS.—The President is requested to
13 convey to all signatories of the Helsinki Accords that re-
14 spect for human rights and fundamental freedoms contin-
15 ues to be a vital element of further progress in the ongoing
16 Helsinki process; and to develop new proposals to advance
17 the human rights objectives of the Helsinki process, and
18 in so doing to address the major problems that remain.

19 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL.**

20 The Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies
21 of this joint resolution to the Ambassadors or representa-
22 tives to the United States of the other 52 Helsinki signa-
23 tory States.

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