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Whereas the United States is a nation of immigrants, whose 270,000,000 inhabitants hail from every corner of the globe;

Whereas from Ellis Island to the Pacific coast, the United States has welcomed immigrants seeking freedom and opportunity;

Whereas the United States democratic system of Government mandates equal protection under the law and the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens;

Whereas the United States endured a civil war for emancipation, and in doing so, formed a permanent union and a society of equals;

Whereas the United States has outlawed racial, ethnic, and religious bigotry to create the world's greatest multicultural society;

Whereas the United States respects the individual and welcomes each one's participation in our democratic society;

Whereas the United States is the preeminent land of opportunity which rewards hard work, ingenuity, and perseverance;

Whereas the ethnic diversity of the United States has provided an abundance of energy, creativity, and prosperity;

Whereas people in the United States recognize and reward the contributions of members from every group;

Whereas people in the United States are working to close opportunity gaps so that all may share in the great prosperity of our Nation;

Whereas people in the United States of all backgrounds have sacrificed their lives in war to defend the cause of freedom for people around the world; and

Whereas people in the United States of African, Asian, European, Latin American, Middle Eastern, and Native American backgrounds cherish and celebrate their various national, ethnic, and religious heritages: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that all
3 people in the United States should reach out across our
4 differences in ethnicity, race, and religion to respect each
5 other and to celebrate, in friendship and unity, one Amer-
6 ica.

Passed the House of Representatives October 13,
1999.

Attest:

Clerk.