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H. CON. RES. 288

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 22, 2000

Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of families and children in the United States and expressing support for the goals and ideas of National FamilyDay.

Whereas national evidence indicates that America's kids are faced with oppressive issues such as violence, drugs, abuse, and even family stress, causing the future of the

children of the United States, and therefore the future of the Nation, to be at risk;

Whereas families in the United States, regardless of their economic status, ethnic or cultural heritage, or geographic location, are experiencing the pressures caused by contemporary society while trying to raise and nurture emotionally healthy and physically safe children;

Whereas Americans realize the challenges of spending quality family time together amidst today's busy lifestyles and balancing work schedules and kids' activities to regularly share a family meal;

Whereas it is imperative that the people of the United States act willfully and purposely to secure a positive future for the Nation by devoting time to family bonding, sharing traditions, and communicating values to children in an effort to sustain the importance of family;

Whereas KidsPeace, one of the Nation's oldest, most comprehensive not-for-profit organizations dedicated to helping children attain the confidence and courage needed to face and overcome crises, has established National FamilyDay to focus unified attention on nurturing family relationships and improving family communications thereby helping to build strong families which give kids peace;

Whereas National FamilyDay will be celebrated annually on a Sunday in March; and

Whereas National FamilyDay will provide opportunities for families to reclaim the family mealtime which fosters trust and builds better communication, and will encourage parents, grandparents, and caregivers to recognize

the importance of being involved in the physical and emotional lives of their children: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

3 (1) recognizes the importance of children and
 4 families to the future of the United States;

5 (2) expresses support for the goals and ideas of
 6 National FamilyDay as established by KidsPeace;

7 (3) encourages the people of the United States
 8 to participate in local and national activities honoring
 9 National FamilyDay; and

10 (4) believes that families who communicate and
 11 spend time together create stronger families which
 12 give kids peace.

Passed the House of Representatives March 21,
 2000.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.