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Recognizing Bread for the World, on the 35th anniversary of its founding, for its faithful advocacy on behalf of poor and hungry people in our country and around the world.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing Bread for the World, on the 35th anniversary of its founding, for its faithful advocacy on behalf of poor and hungry people in our country and around the world.

Whereas Bread for the World, now under the leadership of the Reverend David Beckmann, has grown in size and influence, and is now the largest grassroots advocacy network on hunger issues in the United States and on behalf of impoverished people overseas;

Whereas members of Bread for the World believe that by addressing policies, programs, and conditions that allow hunger and poverty to persist, they are providing help

and opportunity far beyond the communities in which they live;

Whereas Bread for the World has inspired the engagement of hundreds of thousands of individuals, more than 8,000 congregations, and more than 50 denominations across the religious spectrum to seek justice for hungry and poor people by making our Nation's laws more fair and compassionate to people in need;

Whereas members of Bread for the World use hand-written letters and other personalized forms of communication to convey to their legislators their moral concern for the needs of mothers, children, small farmers, and other hungry and poor people; and

Whereas Bread for the World has a strong record of success in working with Congress to—

- (1) strengthen our national nutrition programs;
- (2) establish and fund the Child Survival account that has helped reduce child mortality rates worldwide;
- (3) increase and improve the Nation's poverty-focused development assistance to help developing countries in Africa and other underprivileged parts of the world;
- (4) pass the Africa: Seeds of Hope Act of 1998 that redirected United States resources toward small-scale farmers and struggling rural communities in Africa;
- (5) lead an effort to provide debt relief to the world's poorest countries and tie debt relief to poverty reduction; and
- (6) establish an emergency grain reserve to improve the Nation's response to humanitarian crises: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes and commends Bread for the
2 World, on the 35th anniversary of its founding, for
3 its encouragement of citizen engagement, its advo-
4 cacy for poor and hungry people, and its successes
5 as a collective voice; and

6 (2) challenges Bread for the World to continue
7 its work to address world hunger.

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