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Urging the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day and One Day of Peace and Sharing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas in 2009, the people of the world suffered many calamitous events, including devastation from tsunamis, terror attacks, wars, famines, genocides, hurricanes, earthquakes, political and religious conflicts, diseases, poverty, and rioting, all necessitating global cooperation, compassion, and unity previously unprecedented among diverse cultures, faiths, and economic classes;

Whereas grave global challenges in 2010 may require cooperation and innovative problem-solving among citizens and nations on an even greater scale;

Whereas, on December 15, 2000, Congress adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 138, expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should

issue a proclamation each year calling upon the people of the United States and interested organizations to observe an international day of peace and sharing at the beginning of each year;

Whereas in 2001, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 56/2, which invited “Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all the peoples of the world to celebrate One Day in Peace, 1 January 2002, and every year thereafter”;

Whereas many foreign heads of State have recognized the importance of establishing Global Family Day, a special day of international unity, peace, and sharing, on the first day of each year; and

Whereas family is the basic structure of humanity, thus, we must all look to the stability and love within our individual families to create stability in the global community: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate urgently requests—

2 (1) the people of the United States to observe
3 Global Family Day and One Day of Peace and Shar-
4 ing with appropriate activities stressing the need—

5 (A) to eradicate violence, hunger, poverty,
6 and suffering; and

7 (B) to establish greater trust and fellow-
8 ship among peace-loving countries and families
9 everywhere; and

10 (2) American businesses, labor organizations,
11 and faith and civic leaders to join in promoting ap-

- 1 appropriate activities for Americans and in extending
- 2 appropriate greetings from the families of the
- 3 United States to families in the rest of the world.

