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To express the sense of the Senate condemning the cruel and tortuous practice of female genital mutilation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. REID submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Senate recognizes the importance of traditions and ritual rites of passage in the cultures of all nations;

Whereas such traditions and rites should not impede or violate the human rights of any person;

Whereas the practice of female genital mutilation of girls and young women under the age of 18 represents an act of cruelty and a basic violation of a person's human rights;

Whereas the aftereffects of female genital mutilation include shock, infection, psychological scarring, hemorrhaging, and death;

Whereas the practice of female genital mutilation represents a threat to the health of girls and young women who undergo the procedure; and

Whereas the Government of Egypt should be commended for the recent arrest and detention of 2 men who performed circumcision on a 10-year-old girl while she was bound and arranged for the filming of the tortuous procedure for the Cable News Network: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
2 practice of female genital mutilation of girls and young
3 women under the age of 18 by any nation or individual
4 is condemned, and that the Government of Egypt and that
5 all other governments that aggressively and appropriately
6 decry, prevent, and deter this practice through education
7 and other means be, and they hereby are, commended by
8 the United States Senate.

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