

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 90

To express the sense of the Senate concerning the exercise of rights secured under the First Amendment to the Constitution.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 1 (legislative day, MARCH 3), 1993

Mr. DURENBERGER (for himself and Mrs. KASSEBAUM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas Americans' disparate views on the issue of abortion result from deeply held moral, religious and civil rights beliefs;

Whereas irresponsible and unjustified violence displaces the legitimate expression of these convictions and further polarizes those who hold different views on abortion;

Whereas such violence fosters neither greater understanding nor agreement on this divisive issue but only contributes to the fracturing of our society; and

Whereas agreement and understanding on difficult social issues can be reached only through responsible dialogue and nonviolent expression: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That, it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) the rights to peaceful assembly and free ex-  
3       pression as established by the First Amendment to  
4       the Constitution of the United States are precious  
5       rights, but neither the Constitution nor the laws of  
6       this land sanction violence as a means of expressing  
7       individual moral, religious or political beliefs; and

8               (2) the Senate condemns violence by individ-  
9       uals, even in the pursuit of moral, religious, or polit-  
10      ical goals, and deplores any acts that contribute to  
11      the fracturing of our society.

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