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104TH CONGRESS

2D SESSION S. RES. 264 To designate May 14, 1997, and May 14, 1998, as ‘‘National Speak No Evil Day’’, and for other purposes.
IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 1996 Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

To designate May 14, 1997, and May 14, 1998, as ‘‘National Speak No Evil Day’’, and for other purposes. Whereas words used unfairly, whether expressed through ex-

cessive anger, unfair criticism, public and private humil-
iation, bigoted comments, cruel jokes, or rumors and ma-

licious gossip, traumatize and destroy many lives; Whereas an unwillingness or inability of many parents to
control what the parents say when angry causes the in-
fliction of often irrevocably damaging verbal abuse on the

children; Whereas bigoted words are often used to dehumanize entire

religious, racial, and ethnic groups, and inflame hostility
in a manner that may lead to physical attacks;

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Whereas the spreading of negative, often unfair, untrue, or
exaggerated, comments or rumors about others often in-
flicts irrevocable damage on the victim of the gossip, the
damage epitomized in the expression ‘‘character assas-

sination’’; and Whereas the inability of a person to refrain for 24 hours
from speaking unkind and cruel words demonstrates a
lack of control as striking as the inability of an alcoholic
to refrain for 24 hours from drinking liquor: Now, there-
fore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate designates May 14, 1997, 2 and May 14, 1998, as ‘‘National Speak No Evil Day’’. 3 The Senate requests that the President issue a proclama-

4 tion calling on the people of the United States to observe
5 the days with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and edu-
6 cational endeavors.
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