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S. RES. 274

To express the sense of the Senate that the Louisville Festival of Faiths should be commended and should serve as a model for similar festivals in other communities throughout the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 9, 1998

Mr. FORD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas a Festival of Faiths celebrating the diversity of religion has been held in Louisville, Kentucky, in the month of November of each of the last 3 years;

Whereas the Louisville Festival of Faiths has provided an opportunity for representatives of different faiths to communicate with each other and learn about each other's heritage, experiences, and beliefs;

Whereas more than 60 faiths have participated in the Louisville Festival of Faiths over the past 3 years;

Whereas the freedom to practice religion in diverse ways is a principle that the United States was founded on and one that the United States has embraced throughout its history;

Whereas religious diversity, in addition to its other benefits, expands the perspectives and experiences available to this Nation as a whole;

Whereas the communication of diverse perspectives and experiences between representatives of different religions can enrich the lives of such individuals and can assist such individuals in developing an appreciation of the commonality between different religions;

Whereas such communication can also diminish the potential for conflict between religious groups at a time when the dangers of religious conflict pose increasingly serious problems throughout the world; and

Whereas the Louisville Festival of Faiths experience can be replicated without great difficulty in other communities: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
- 2 Louisville Festival of Faiths—
- 3 (1) should be commended for its concept and its
- 4 achievements to date; and
- 5 (2) should serve as a model for similar festivals
- 6 in other communities throughout the United States.

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