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Expressing the sense of Congress that a day of peace and sharing should be established at the beginning of each year.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KUCINICH (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. WALSH, Mr. FILNER, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Ms. NORTON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a day of peace and sharing should be established at the beginning of each year.

Whereas human progress in the 21st century will depend upon global understanding and cooperation in finding positive solutions to hunger and violence;

Whereas the turn of the millennium offers unparalleled opportunity for humanity to examine its past, set goals for the future, and establish new patterns of behavior;

Whereas the people of this Nation and the world acted for the most part with unprecedented cooperation and good sense during the 24-hour period designated by the United Nations General Assembly as “One Day in Peace, January 1, 2000” (General Assembly Resolution 54/29);

Whereas the example set on that day ought to be recognized globally, repeated, and improved upon each year;

Whereas the people of the United States seek to establish better relations with one another and with the people of all countries; and

Whereas celebration by the breaking of bread together has traditionally been the means by which individuals, societies, and nations join together in peace: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) each year should begin with a day of peace
4 and sharing during which—

5 (A) people around the world should gather
6 with family, friends, neighbors, their faith com-
7 munity, or people of another culture to pledge
8 nonviolence in the new year and to share in a
9 celebratory new year meal; and

10 (B) Americans who are able should match
11 or multiply the cost of their new year meal with
12 a timely gift to the hungry at home or abroad
13 in a tangible demonstration of a desire for in-
14 creased friendship and sharing among the peo-
15 ples of the Earth; and

16 (2) the President should issue a proclamation
17 each year calling on the people of the United States

- 1 and interested organizations to observe such a day
- 2 with appropriate programs and activities.

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