

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. CON. RES. 138

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2000

Referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## 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 the United States and the world observed the day 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 and repeated 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 traditionally has been the means by which individuals, societies, and nations join together in peace: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
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 people  
15       around the world; and

16          (2) the President should issue a proclamation  
17       each year calling on the people of the United States  
18       and interested organizations to observe such a day  
19       with appropriate programs and activities.

Passed the Senate October 27 (legislative day, Sep-  
tember 22), 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,  
*Secretary.*