

Calendar No. 561

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2D SESSION

S. RES. 296

Designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as “National Child’s Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2000

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DODD, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 18, 2000

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

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RESOLUTION

Designating the first Sunday in June of each calendar year as “National Child’s Day”.

Whereas the first Sunday of June falls between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day;

Whereas each child is unique, a blessing, and holds a distinct place in the family unit;

Whereas the people of the United States should celebrate children as the most valuable asset of the United States;

Whereas the children represent the future, hope, and inspiration of the United States;

Whereas the children of the United States should be allowed to feel that their ideas and dreams will be respected because adults in the United States take time to listen;

Whereas many children of the United States face crises of grave proportions, especially as they enter adolescent years;

Whereas it is important for parents to spend time listening to their children on a daily basis;

Whereas modern societal and economic demands often pull the family apart;

Whereas, whenever practicable, it is important for both parents to be involved in their child's life;

Whereas encouragement should be given to families to set aside a special time for all family members to engage together in family activities;

Whereas adults in the United States should have an opportunity to reminisce on their youth to recapture some of the fresh insight, innocence, and dreams that they may have lost through the years;

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to emphasize to children the importance of developing an ability to make the choices necessary to distance them-

selves from impropriety and to contribute to their communities;

Whereas the people of the United States should emphasize to children the importance of family life, education, and spiritual qualities;

Whereas because children are the responsibility of all people of the United States, everyone should celebrate children, whose questions, laughter, and dreams are important to the existence of the United States; and

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children will emphasize to the people of the United States the importance of the role of the child within the family and society: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates ~~the first Sunday in June of each~~
3 ~~year~~ *June 4, 2000*, as “National Child’s Day”; and

4 (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-
5 tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-
6 serve the day with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
7 tivities.

Amend the title to read as follows: “Designating June 4, 2000, as ‘National Child’s Day’”.

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