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Designating January 1 of each year as “Global Family Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating January 1 of each year as “Global Family Day”.

Whereas in this perilous time of international unrest, it is vital that all means possible for the restoration of peace and the reduction of hate, terror, hunger, and disease be pursued with diligence;

Whereas the people of the world are inextricably linked as 1 human family;

Whereas the people of the world are in need of a shared tradition to acknowledge and celebrate mutual kinship;

Whereas shared holidays strongly influence the creation and maintenance of bonds among faiths and cultural and national groups, and the lack of such bonds may invite mistrust and conflict;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly, through the passage of United Nations General Assembly Resolution

54/29 of November 18, 1999, and United Nations General Assembly Resolution 56/2 of October 30, 2001, and many foreign heads of state have recognized the importance of establishing an annual shared global tradition of 1 day of peace;

Whereas the Congress, through the unanimous adoption on December 15, 2000, of Senate Concurrent Resolution 138, 106th Congress, has encouraged the adoption of a day dedicated to all those members of the human family who are suffering and to the development of strong global family values; and

Whereas on this 1 day of peace and sharing, now commonly called “Global Family Day”, people around the world are called to recognize and celebrate its mission by gathering with their family, friends, neighbors, faith communities, and with people of another culture, to share food, traditions, and mutual pledges of nonviolence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates January 1 of each year as
3 “Global Family Day”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the people of the United States
6 to observe this day of peace and sharing with appro-
7 priate ceremonies and activities.

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