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Recognizing the 40th anniversary of June 21, 1964, the day civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives in the struggle to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States, and encouraging all Americans to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing themselves to ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all people.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2004

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner were civil rights organizers who participated in the Freedom Summer Project organized by the Coun-

cil of Federated Organizations to register African Americans in the Deep South to vote;

Whereas on June 21, 1964, after leaving the scene of a firebombed church in Longdale, Mississippi, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner were murdered by members of the Klu Klux Klan who opposed their efforts to establish equal rights for African Americans;

Whereas June 21, 2004, is the 40th anniversary of the day Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner sacrificed their lives in the fight against racial and social injustice while working to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States;

Whereas the deaths of the 3 men brought attention to the struggle to guarantee equal rights for African Americans, which led to the passage of monumental civil rights legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88–352, 78 Stat. 241) and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Public Law 89–110, 79 Stat. 437);

Whereas the courage and sacrifice of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner should encourage all citizens, and especially young people, of the United States to dedicate themselves to the ideals of freedom, justice, and equality; and

Whereas citizens throughout the United States will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the deaths of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner to honor the contributions they made to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the 40th anniversary of June 21,
2 1964, the day civil rights organizers Andrew Good-
3 man, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave
4 their lives; and

5 (2) encourages all people of the United States
6 to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3
7 men by committing themselves to the fundamental
8 principles of freedom, equality, and democracy.

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