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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

September 12, 2001

Mr. Hatch (for himself, Mr. Reid, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Thurmond, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Craig, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Cleland, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Inouye, Mr. DeWine, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Frist, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Baucus, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Helms, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Miller, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Domenici, Mr. Allen, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Snowe, Ms. Collins, Mr. Wellstone, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Dorgan, Ms. Cantwell, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Specter, Mr. Biden, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Allard, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Santorum, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Corzine, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lugar, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Lott, Mr. Akaka, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Breaux, Mrs. Dayton, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, Mr. Burns, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Levin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Shelby, Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Graham, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Feingold, and Mr. Torricelli) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

September 26, 2001

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas it is the family, striving for a future of opportunity and hope, that reflects our Nation’s belief in community, stability, and love;

Whereas the family remains an institution of promise, reliance, and encouragement;

Whereas we look to the family as an unwavering symbol of constancy that will help us discover a future of prosperity, promise, and potential;

Whereas within our Nation’s libraries and archives lie the treasured records that detail the history of our Nation, our States, our communities, and our citizens;

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world have embarked on a genealogical journey by discovering who their ancestors were and how various forces shaped their past;

Whereas an ever-growing number in our Nation and in other nations are collecting, preserving, and sharing genealogies, personal documents, and memorabilia that detail the life and times of families around the world;

Whereas 54,000,000 individuals belong to a family where someone in the family has used the Internet to research their family history;

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world continue to research their family heritage and its impact upon the history of our Nation and the world;

Whereas approximately 60 percent of Americans have expressed an interest in tracing their family history;

Whereas the study of family history gives individuals a sense of their heritage and a sense of responsibility in carrying out a legacy that their ancestors began;
Whereas as individuals learn about their ancestors who
worked so hard and sacrificed so much, their commit-
ment to honor their ancestors’ memory by doing good is
increased;

Whereas interest in our personal family history transcends all
cultural and religious affiliations;

Whereas to encourage family history research, education, and
the sharing of knowledge is to renew the commitment to
the concept of home and family; and

Whereas the involvement of National, State, and local offi-
cials in promoting genealogy and in facilitating access to
family history records in archives and libraries are impor-
tant factors in the successful perception of nationwide ca-
maraderie, support, and participation: Now, therefore, be
it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of October 2001, as
“Family History Month”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a procla-
mation calling upon the people of the United States
to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies
and activities.