

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 672

Designating September 12, 2008, as “National Day of Encouragement”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Encouragement”.

Whereas negative images, stories, and influences in the day-to-day lives of Americans can detrimentally affect their emotional well-being, interactions with others, and general demeanor;

Whereas a group of teenagers participating in a leadership forum at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, identified a lack of encouragement as one of the greatest problems facing young people today;

Whereas the youth of our Nation need guidance, inspiration, and reassurance to counteract this negativity and to develop the qualities of character essential for future leadership in our country;

Whereas a National Day of Encouragement would serve as a reminder to counterbalance and overcome negative influences, and would also provide much-needed encouragement and support to others;

Whereas, following the events of September 11, 2001, thousands of people of the United States made sacrifices in order to bring help and healing to the victims and their families, inspiring and encouraging the Nation; and

Whereas the renewed feelings of unity, hope, selflessness, and encouragement that began on September 12, 2001, are the same feelings that the National Day of Encouragement is meant to recapture and spread: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates September 12, 2008, as “Na-
3 tional Day of Encouragement”;

4 (2) acknowledges the importance of encourage-
5 ment and positive influences in the lives of all peo-
6 ple; and

7 (3) urges the people of the United States to en-
8 courage others, whether it be through an act of serv-
9 ice, a thoughtful letter, or words of kindness and in-
10 spiration, and to thereby boost the morale of all.

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