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To designate November 24, 1985, as "National Day of Fasting to Raise Funds to Combat Hunger".

Whereas the famine in Africa has caused the death of hundreds of thousands of people and has endangered the lives of millions; Whereas the solution to such famine involves not only rushing emergency food and medical supplies to the areas stricken, but also improving agricultural policies and instituting more sophisticated famine prevention practices in such areas;

Whereas people from all walks of life and every part of the United States have responded quickly and effectively to every famine which has occurred since World War II and have already raised more than \$120,000,000 for emergency relief of the famine in Africa;

Whereas the generosity and compassion of the people of the United States should be recognized and commended;

Whereas, in Africa, 24 people die of starvation each minute;

Whereas more remains to be done to fight starvation in Africa and in other parts of the world;

Whereas our Nation has enough resources to save many lives;

Whereas hunger in the United States is a pressing domestic problem that must be addressed through food relief and economic development for those in need; and

Whereas fasting is one of the strongest symbolic acts by which solidarity with the plight of fellow human beings may be demonstrated: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That November 24, 1985, is designated as "National Day of Fasting to Raise Funds to Combat Hunger", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to fast, to contribute generously to relief organizations fighting hunger, and to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and other activities.

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