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Expressing the sense of the Senate on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dorothy Day and designating the week of November 8, 1997, through November 14, 1997, as “National Week of Recognition for Dorothy Day and Those Whom She Served”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 1997

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. D’AMATO, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dorothy Day and designating the week of November 8, 1997, through November 14, 1997, as “National Week of Recognition for Dorothy Day and Those Whom She Served”.

Whereas November 8, 1997, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dorothy Day on Pineapple Street in Brooklyn, New York;

Whereas Dorothy Day was a woman who lived a life of voluntary poverty, guided by the principles of social justice and solidarity with the poor;

Whereas in 1933 Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin founded the Catholic Worker Movement and the Catholic Worker newspaper “to realize in the individual and society the express and implied teachings of Christ”;

Whereas the Catholic Worker “Houses of Hospitality” founded by Dorothy Day have ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the poor for over 60 years;

Whereas there are now more than 125 Catholic Worker “Houses of Hospitality” in the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas in 1972 Dorothy Day was awarded the Laetare Medal by the University of Notre Dame for “comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable virtually all of her life”;

Whereas, upon the death of Dorothy Day in 1980, noted Catholic historian David O’Brien called her “the most significant, interesting, and influential person in the history of American Catholicism”;

Whereas His Eminence John Cardinal O’Connor has stated that he is considering recommending Dorothy Day to the Pope for Canonization; and

Whereas Dorothy Day serves as inspiration for those who strive to live their faith: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses deep admiration and respect for
3 the life and work of Dorothy Day;

4 (2) recognizes that the work of Dorothy Day
5 improved the lives of countless people and that her

- 1 example has inspired others to follow her in a life of
- 2 solidarity with the poor;

