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Designating the week beginning January 21, 2001, as “Zinfandel Grape Appreciation Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 1, 1999

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week beginning January 21, 2001, as
“Zinfandel Grape Appreciation Week”.

Whereas Zinfandel grapes have historical significance among agricultural products of the United States, in that the origins of Zinfandel grapes in the United States date back to the 1830s;

Whereas Zinfandel grape vines are a living link to the time when gold was discovered in the Sierra Nevada mountains and many people in the United States moved west to seek their fortunes;

Whereas some Zinfandel grape vines in the Sierra Nevada foothills are at least 125 years old and still producing grapes;

Whereas Zinfandel grape vines were an integral part of the Gold Rush of 1849 and the agricultural cultivation of the West;

Whereas Zinfandel wine is an excellent representative of the agricultural community of the United States because its development and production range from the hothouses and nurseries of New England and Long Island to the hills and valleys of the Pacific Coast and Southwest;

Whereas Zinfandel grape vines are planted in 14 States and distributed to every major community in all 50 States, and have worldwide recognition by scholars, growers, and consumers as being a quintessential creation of the United States;

Whereas Zinfandel grape products are used in products as diverse as jams, pasta sauce, and wine;

Whereas the Zinfandel grape, a principal component of an important agricultural sector in the United States, has been the leading red grape from the 1880s to the present in terms of acres planted and wine produced, and is accordingly a crucial part of an industry that, in 1996, produced approximately \$41,000,000,000 of direct and indirect economic activity and \$3,000,000,000 in State and local revenue, and provided permanent employment for 554,630 people;

Whereas Zinfandel wine has been winning first prize and similar recognition in competitions since 1859 against domestic and internationally produced wines, and brings great credit to the quality of agriculture in the United States;

Whereas Zinfandel vines grown in the United States serve as the source of vines grown elsewhere in the world and set the standards for Zinfandel vines worldwide;

Whereas only Zinfandel wine, among the wines of the world, is recognized as being a product that is uniquely from the United States;

Whereas the Zinfandel grape is an embodiment of the history and heritage of the United States, and, in particular, of the settlement and agricultural cultivation of the West; and

Whereas for the reasons described above, the Zinfandel grape is a national treasure: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week beginning January 21,
3 2001, as “Zinfandel Grape Appreciation Week”; and

4 (2) requests the President to issue a proclama-
5 tion calling on the people of the United States to
6 celebrate the week with appropriate ceremonies and
7 programs.

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