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S. RES. 212

To designate August 1, 2000, as “National Relatives as Parents Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 1, 1999

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BYRD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SESSIONS and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JULY 27, 2000

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas children are this Nation’s most valuable resource;

Whereas the most important responsibility for this Nation’s lawmakers and citizens is the protection and care of children;

Whereas in order to ensure the future success of this Nation, children must be taught values that will help them lead happy, healthy, and productive lives;

Whereas the family unit is most suitable to provide the special care and attention needed by children;

Whereas this year, many children will suffer from child abuse, neglect, poor nutrition, and insufficient child care, all of which jeopardize the well-being of young children and the opportunity for a fulfilling and successful adulthood;

Whereas extended family members, willing to open their hearts and homes to children whose immediate families are in crises, play an indispensable role in helping those children heal by providing them with a stable and secure environment in which they can grow and develop;

Whereas approximately 520,000 children are currently under the care and guidance of foster parents—about 150,800, or 29 percent, of whom are children living in foster homes with extended family members who care for these children and provide them with a positive home environment; and

Whereas “National Relatives as Parents Day” is an appropriate occasion to recognize the dedication, compassion, and selflessness of extended family members who willingly assume the often thankless responsibility of providing a relative child with a family and home: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates August 1, 2000, as “National
3 Relatives as Parents Day”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling on the people of the United States to
6 observe “National Relatives as Parents Day” with
7 appropriate ceremonies and activities.

