

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 234

Recognizing the contribution of older persons to their communities and commending the work of organizations that participate in programs assisting older persons and that promote the goals of the International Year of Older Persons.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 1999

Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BURNS, Mr. REED, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. REID, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contribution of older persons to their communities and commending the work of organizations that participate in programs assisting older persons and that promote the goals of the International Year of Older Persons.

Whereas the United Nations has proclaimed that 1999 is the International Year of Older Persons;

Whereas the theme of the International Year of Older Persons, “towards a society for all ages”, recognizes that—

(1) longevity depends upon all stages of the life cycle; and

(2) successful aging is a product of long-term, life-long decisions;

Whereas the principles promoted by the International Year of Older Persons assist in the development of a society for all ages, including independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment, and dignity;

Whereas the goals of the International Year of Older Persons are—

(1) to increase awareness about aging within countries and across national boundaries; and

(2) to formulate policies and programs that promote the well-being of older persons;

Whereas organizations and individuals in the United States have worked hard to address problems facing older adults and to promote the participation of older adults in all aspects of society;

Whereas these organizations have taken action independently and in concert with others to promote the goals of the International Year of Older Persons through programs that promote—

(1) retirement preparation for baby boomers;

(2) intergenerational activities;

(3) new images of aging that recognize the increased productivity of older adults; and

(4) planning for the future; and

Whereas the diversity of America's older population deserves to be recognized, including the most vulnerable and frail

elderly in need of a range of services, as well as older persons who contribute to their communities by being employers, employees, and volunteers: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) recognizes the contribution of older persons  
3       to their communities; and

4               (2) commends the work of organizations that—  
5               (A) participate in programs assisting older  
6       persons; and

7               (B) promote the goals of the International  
8       Year of Older Persons.

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