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# S. RES. 290

Expressing the sense of the Senate that companies large and small in every part of the world should support and adhere to the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility wherever they have operations.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 12, 2000

Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that companies large and small in every part of the world should support and adhere to the Global Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility wherever they have operations.

Whereas Reverend Leon Sullivan, author of the Global Sullivan Principles, is known throughout the world for his bold and principled efforts to dismantle the system of apartheid in South Africa, for his work with Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC's) to create jobs for over 1,000,000 youth in 130 United States cities and 18 countries, and for his work in literacy training all over the world;

Whereas Reverend Sullivan initiated the original Sullivan Principles in 1977 as a code of conduct for companies operating in South Africa;

Whereas the Global Sullivan Principles promote equal opportunity for employees of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, and religions;

Whereas the Global Sullivan Principles stress the social responsibilities of corporations;

Whereas on June 7, 1999, President Clinton gave approval to the Principles; and

Whereas on November 2, 1999, Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, urged corporate leaders to put the Global Sullivan Principles into practice: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. CALLING FOR SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE**

3                       **WITH THE GLOBAL SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES OF**

4                       **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

5       The Senate calls on companies large and small in  
6 every part of the world to support and adhere to the Glob-  
7 al Sullivan Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility  
8 wherever they have operations.

9       **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF GLOBAL SULLIVAN PRINCIPLES OF**

10                      **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

11       In this resolution, the term “Global Sullivan Prin-  
12 ciples of Corporate Social Responsibility” means the prin-  
13 ciples stated as follows:

1        “As a company which endorses the Global Sullivan  
2 Principles we will respect the law, and as a responsible  
3 member of society we will apply these Principles with in-  
4 tegrity consistent with the legitimate role of business. We  
5 will develop and implement company policies, procedures,  
6 training, and internal reporting structures to ensure com-  
7 mitment to these principles throughout our organization.  
8 We believe the application of these principles will achieve  
9 greater tolerance and better understanding among peo-  
10 ples, and advance the culture of peace.

11        “Accordingly, we will:

12            “Express our support for universal human  
13 rights and, particularly, those of our employees, the  
14 communities within which we operate, and parties  
15 with whom we do business.

16            “Promote equal opportunity for our employees  
17 at all levels of the company with respect to issues  
18 such as color, race, gender, age, ethnicity or reli-  
19 gious beliefs, and operate without unacceptable  
20 worker treatment such as the exploitation of chil-  
21 dren, physical punishment, female abuse, involuntary  
22 servitude, or other forms of abuse.

23            “Respect our employees’ voluntary freedom of  
24 association.

1           “Compensate our employees to enable them to  
2       meet at least their basic needs and provide the op-  
3       portunity to improve their skill and capability in  
4       order to raise their social and economic opportuni-  
5       ties.

6           “Provide a safe and healthy workplace; protect  
7       human health and the environment and promote  
8       sustainable development.

9           “Promote fair competition including respect for  
10      intellectual and other property rights, and not offer,  
11      pay or accept bribes.

12          “Work with governments and communities in  
13      which we do business to improve the quality of life  
14      in those communities, their educational, cultural,  
15      economic and social well-being and seek to provide  
16      training and opportunities for workers from dis-  
17      advantaged backgrounds.

18          “Promote the application of these principles by  
19      those with whom we do business.

20          “We will be transparent in our implementation  
21      of these principles and provide information which  
22      demonstrates publicly our commitment to them.”.

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