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Recognizing the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Whereas the United States has always been a country of immigrants and was built on the hard work and dedication of generations of those immigrants who have gathered on our shores;

Whereas, over the past 120 years, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), the oldest international migration and refugee resettlement agency in the United States, has assisted more than 4,500,000 migrants of all faiths to immigrate to the United States, Israel, and other safe havens around the world;

Whereas, since the 1970s, HIAS has resettled more than 400,000 refugees from more than 50 countries in the United States and provided high quality resettlement

services through a network of local Jewish community social service agencies;

Whereas HIAS has helped bring to the United States such outstanding individuals as former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, artist Marc Chagall, Olympic gold-medalist Lenny Krayzelberg, poet and Nobel Laureate Joseph Brodsky, and author and restaurateur George Lang;

Whereas HIAS has assisted with United States refugee programs overseas, often as a joint voluntary agency, providing refugee processing, cultural orientation, and other services in Moscow, Vienna, Kiev, Tel Aviv, Rome, and Guam;

Whereas through publications, public meetings, and radio and television broadcasts, HIAS is a crucial provider of information, counseling, legal assistance, and other services, including outreach programs for the Russian-speaking immigrant community, to immigrants and asylum seekers in the United States;

Whereas HIAS plays a vital role in serving the needs of refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers, and continues to work in areas of conflict and instability, seeking to rescue those who are fleeing from danger and persecution; and

Whereas on September 9, 2001, HIAS will celebrate the 120th anniversary of its founding: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring), That (a) Congress—*
- 3 (1) recognizes the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Soci-
- 4 ety (HIAS), and the immigrants and refugees that

1 HIAS has served, for the contributions they have
2 made to the United States; and

3 (2) congratulates HIAS on the 120th anniver-
4 sary of its founding.

5 (b) It is the sense of Congress that the President
6 should issue a proclamation recognizing September 9,
7 2001, as the 120th anniversary of the founding of the He-
8 brew Immigrant Aid Society, and calling on the people of
9 the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, ac-
10 tivities, and programs to demonstrate appreciation for the
11 contributions made by HIAS to the United States.

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