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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the “Once-a-Day” program
to promote local farm products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the “Once-a-Day” program to promote local farm products.

Whereas agriculture is a major industry in the United States,
contributing \$82,000,000,000 to the gross domestic product of the United States in 2000;

Whereas the farmers in every State produce a wide variety
of local foods;

Whereas locally-grown, seasonal foods are fresh and wholesome,
with superior taste and nutrition;

Whereas eating fresh foods in season is vital to a healthy
diet, promotes health, and supports an active lifestyle;

Whereas reduced time from field to table allows farmers to
harvest fully-ripened produce;

Whereas this flavorful produce can be prepared with less fat, sugar, and salt;

Whereas during the months of August, September, and October there is a tremendous selection of fresh, locally-grown produce;

Whereas local farms provide jobs, attract tourists, and recirculate dollars into the local economy of our Nation;

Whereas local produce can be found at many locations such as farmers' markets, community-supported agriculture farms, farm stands, local stores, and restaurants;

Whereas if citizens of the United States would eat 1 item of local produce each day, every dollar spent on the produce would support independent family farms that contribute to the economic health of the United States; and

Whereas Dutchess County, New York, has already begun a "Once-a-Day" program to encourage local residents to buy local produce in support of their local farmers and their own health: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) all Americans are encouraged to buy local
3 farm products; and

4 (2) anyone selling local agricultural products is
5 encouraged to promote the products as "Once-a-
6 Day" to support the local economy and the health
7 of our Nation.

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