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H. CON. RES. 281

Urging observance of Global Family Day.

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Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FROST, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. McDERMOTT) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Urging observance of Global Family Day.

Whereas in this time of international unrest and new perils for the people of the world, it is vital that all means possible for the restoration of peace and the reduction of hate, terror, hunger, and disease be pursued with diligence;

Whereas the people of the world are inextricably linked as one human family;

Whereas until now we have had no shared tradition to acknowledge and celebrate our mutual kinship;

Whereas it is well-proven that shared holidays strongly influence the creation and maintenance of bonds among faith,

cultural and national groups, and that lack of such bonds is an incentive to mistrust and conflict;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly, through the adoption of Res. 54/29 and Res. 56/2, and the United States 106th Congress, through the unanimous adoption of S. Con. Res. 138, as well as many heads of state, concur in the importance of establishing an annual shared global tradition with one day of peace and sharing celebrated worldwide, a day dedicated to all those members of our human family who are suffering, and to the development of strong global family values; and

Whereas on this one day of peace and sharing, now commonly called Global Family Day, people around the world are to recognize and celebrate its mission by gathering with family and friends, neighbors, their faith communities or people of another culture, to share food, traditions, and mutual pledges of nonviolence: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress calls upon the President
 3 to lead Americans in observing one day of peace and shar-
 4 ing at the start of each year, to be known as Global Family
 5 Day.

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