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S. CON. RES. 91

Designating the month of April 2005 as “American Religious History Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2004

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Designating the month of April 2005 as “American Religious History Month”.

Whereas religion has made a unique contribution in shaping the United States as a distinctive and blessed Nation and people;

Whereas deeply held religious convictions led to the early settlement of our nation;

Whereas religious teachings from the Bible inspired concepts of civil government that are contained in our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the history of our Nation clearly illustrates the value of voluntarily applying religious teaching in the lives of individuals, families, and society;

Whereas the profoundly held religious belief that all people are created in the image of God and are therefore equal in the eyes of God ultimately led to the abolition of the deeply entrenched institution of slavery;

Whereas many of our great national leaders acknowledged that religion is the basis of national morality, as evidenced by President Washington who said that “reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle”;

Whereas the Nation now faces great challenges that will test this Nation as it has never been tested before; and

Whereas renewing our knowledge of a faith in the God of our Founding Fathers can strengthen us as a Nation and a people: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) designates the month of April 2005 as
4 “American Religious History Month” in recognition
5 of both the formative influence that religion has
6 been on our Nation, and our national need to study
7 and apply the religious teachings embraced by our
8 Founding Fathers; and

9 (2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States
10 to observe the year with appropriate ceremonies and
11 activities.

