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H. RES. 844

Recognizing the service and dedication of Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and celebrating his 80th birthday.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the service and dedication of Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and celebrating his 80th birthday.

Whereas January 2, 2008, marks the 80th birthday of Dr. Daisaku Ikeda who has dedicated his entire life to building peace and promoting human rights through education and cultural exchange with deep conviction in the shared humanity of our entire global family;

Whereas Dr. Ikeda is President of the Soka Gakkai International, a network of 12,000,000 people in 190 countries and territories around the world who will join together to renew their commitment to live up to the principles and ideals exemplified by his life;

Whereas Dr. Ikeda's efforts to perpetuate a steady stream of young peace builders for generations to come has established numerous peace building institutions, including the

Soka education system with kindergarten through post-graduate schools throughout the world;

Whereas Dr. Ikeda has demonstrated his ardent support of the United Nations by submitting annual peace proposals for more than 25 years, detailing practical programs and solutions for the world's problems;

Whereas, with Dr. Ikeda's leadership, the SGI-USA has been engaged and involved in supporting the local communities with educational and inspirational concerts, exhibits, youth programs, and especially with relief efforts and support during the Los Angeles riots, Hurricane Katrina, and the recent Southern California wildfires; and

Whereas it is the example of Dr. Ikeda's unyielding, lifetime commitment to the vision of his mentor, Josei Toda, of the immense potential each person can manifest and to share hope with others to do the same: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) recognizes the service and dedication of Dr.
- 3 Daisaku Ikeda; and
- 4 (2) celebrates his 80th birthday.

