

115TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 551

Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day of Non-Violence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2017

Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the International Day
of Non-Violence.

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly established the International Day of Non-Violence on June 15, 2007, to disseminate the message of non-violence, through means such as education and public awareness;

Whereas, the United Nations General Assembly has stated that “non-violence, tolerance, full respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, democracy, development, mutual understanding and respect for diversity are interlinked and mutually reinforcing”;

Whereas the annual International Day of Non-Violence celebration date, October 2, was chosen to commemorate the birthday of Mohandas K. Gandhi, more commonly known as “Mahatma”, which means “great soul”;

Whereas Mahatma Gandhi was a world-renowned civil rights and spiritual leader, who experienced injustices early in life, and learned to embrace the principles of non-violence as a vehicle for social and political change;

Whereas Mahatma Gandhi was influenced by religious teachings in Hinduism, Jainism, and Christianity in the development of his philosophy;

Whereas Mahatma Gandhi was a major influence for Martin Luther King, Jr., whose emphasis on non-violence is credited with ushering in our Nation's civil rights; and

Whereas people around the world commemorate the International Day of Non-Violence by participating in volunteer projects as a way to give back to their communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the goals and ideals of the Inter-
3 national Day of Non-Violence; and

4 (2) encourages the people of the United States
5 to observe the International Day of Non-Violence
6 with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activi-
7 ties.

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