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H. RES. 1132

Expressing support for the designation of September 2020 as “Peace Month”
and calling on Congress to take action to promote peace.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 2020
as “Peace Month” and calling on Congress to take action
to promote peace.

Whereas the United Nations designated September 21
“International Day of Peace”—otherwise known as Peace
Day;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly declared
Peace Day as a day devoted to “commemorating and
strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among
all nations and peoples”;

Whereas all United Nations member states, organizations, re-
gional and nongovernmental organizations, and individ-
uals are encouraged to celebrate and recognize global
peace efforts on Peace Day;

Whereas Peace Day represents shared hopes of an end to conflict in all forms;

Whereas the United Nations calls for a 24-hour global cease fire on Peace Day;

Whereas this year's Peace Day theme is "Shaping Peace Together";

Whereas 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone development in contemporary human history promoting peace and well-being worldwide;

Whereas violent conflicts could cost upwards of \$13.6 trillion per year globally;

Whereas conflict prevention measures could save between \$5 billion to \$70 billion per year on average;

Whereas there is almost no interstate war;

Whereas the absolute number of war deaths has been declining since 1945;

Whereas global peace promotion efforts improve the lives of Americans and all peoples;

Whereas the United States has a long history of promoting peace and human rights at home and abroad; and

Whereas September would be an appropriate month to designate as Peace Month: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of "Peace Month";

3 and

- 1 (2) calls on Congress to promote peace, both at
- 2 home and abroad.

