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H. CON. RES. 81

Recognizing international days of peace, coexistence, and cooperation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. OMAR, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. JACKSON LEE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing international days of peace, coexistence, and cooperation.

Whereas the preamble to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights says that “disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of humankind, and the advent of a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people”;

Whereas the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reminds us that “a peace based exclusively upon the political and economic arrangements of Governments would not be a peace which could secure the unanimous, lasting and sincere support of the peoples of the world, and the peace must therefore be founded, if it is not to fail, upon the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind”;

Whereas the 2022 Global Peace Index found peacefulness has declined year-on-year for 11 of the last 14 years;

Whereas the 2022 Global Peace Index also noted a persistent decrease in the world’s peacefulness and that global violence cost \$16.5 trillion in 2021;

Whereas strengthening and supporting domestic and global efforts to study, discuss, teach, and develop techniques and methods to encourage and augment global peace efforts is a critical international goal;

Whereas, on November 30, 1981, during the 77th plenary meeting, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to declare the third Tuesday of September as the International Day of Peace;

Whereas nearly 20 years later, the United Nations General Assembly adopted A/RES/55/282, which officially designated September 21 as a global day to recognize and celebrate international cease-fire and nonviolence;

Whereas, in 2001, the United Nations Economic and Social Council Organization proclaimed November 10 as World Science Day for Peace and Development;

Whereas, on February 24, 2003, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring each May 29th as International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers,

recognizing the significant sacrifices people have made and continue to make in pursuit of peace;

Whereas, on December 22, 2005, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring December 20th International Human Solidarity Day and defined solidarity as a fundamental and universal value underlying modern human relations;

Whereas, on June 15, 2007, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring October 2 as International Day of Non-Violence, extolling the virtues of nonviolent action such as protests, marches, vigils, and other acts of peaceful resistance;

Whereas, on August 19, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring April 6th as the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace;

Whereas, on February 2, 2017, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring December 12 as International Day of Neutrality;

Whereas, on January 15, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring May 16 as International Day of Living Together in Peace, and affirmed that, in order to accomplish the goal of peace, we must eliminate all forms of discrimination and intolerance;

Whereas, on December 12, 2018, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring April 24th International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, recognizing that peace requires good-faith cooperation;

Whereas, on July 25, 2019, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring April 5th as the International Day of Conscience in order to “mobiliz[e]

the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony”;

Whereas attaining peace involves the active and persistent process of persuading people of the benefits of peace, cooperation, tolerance, and nonviolence;

Whereas peace is only attainable via a sustained commitment by a critical mass of those striving to do good; and

Whereas peace is a global goal that can only be achieved through thoughtful, deliberative, cooperative actions that center peace as their primary objective: Now, therefore, be it

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

3 (1) recognizes the—

4 (A) 42d anniversary of the International
5 Day of Peace;

6 (B) 22d anniversary of the International
7 Day of Peace being recognized as a period of
8 nonviolence and cease-fire;

9 (C) 22d anniversary of the World Science
10 Day for Peace and Development;

11 (D) 20th anniversary of the International
12 Day of United Nations Peacekeepers;

13 (E) 18th anniversary of Human Solidarity
14 Day;

1 (F) 16th anniversary of the International
2 Day of Non-Violence;

3 (G) 10th anniversary of the International
4 Day of Sport for Development and Peace;

5 (H) 6th anniversary of the International
6 Day of Neutrality;

7 (I) 5th anniversary of the International
8 Day of Living Together in Peace;

9 (J) 5th anniversary of the International
10 Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for
11 Peace; and

12 (K) 4th anniversary of the International
13 Day of Conscience; and

14 (2) commits to—

15 (A) encouraging the people of the United
16 States to continue commemorating international
17 days of peace, coexistence, and cooperation;

18 (B) supporting activities on international
19 days of peace, coexistence, and cooperation that
20 promote thoughtful, deliberative, and coopera-
21 tive actions to achieve peace; and

22 (C) facilitating the application of peace,
23 tolerance, cease-fire, and nonviolence through-
24 out the year.

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