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Senators Reid, Inouye, Representatives Conyers, Kucinich Call for Much-Needed Global Family Reunion January 1, 2010

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Washington, DC (December 14, 2009) - In the midst of the health care reform crisis, on Friday, December 11, 2009, Representative John Conyers and Representative Dennis Kucinich introduced H. Con. Res. 221, a concurrent resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation annually calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, One Day of Peace and Sharing every January 1 and invite former Presidents, Nobel laureates, and other notables, including United States business, labor, faith, and civic leaders, to join with him in promoting appropriate activities for the people of the United States, as well as extend appropriate greetings from the families of the United States to families around the world.

Earlier this month, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Senator Daniel Inouye took time to introduce S. Res 357, a Senate version of this resolution, which also urges all Americans to come together as one on January 1 to recognize and utilize Global Family Day, a potentially powerful tool for greater human unity and understanding.

Senator Inouye stated when introducing S. Res. 357, "We are a global society, interconnected by highly efficient modes of communication and transportation. With continued advancements in technology, nations will become even more interdependent upon each other. For this reason, I will continue to support and advocate for world peace. This is not a lofty pursuit. I have great confidence that if nations use everything at their disposal, they can promote peaceful, diplomatic options instead of war."

Global Family Day, (One Day of Peace and Sharing Every January 1), designed to create universally shared traditions for all the world's families, was unanimously adopted by the U.S. Congress in 2000 and again in 2006. In 2001, right after 9/11, the United Nations General Assembly recommended that Global Family Day be celebrated annually. It is a unique initiative that helps to bridge our differences both here at home and around the world. More than thirty sitting heads of state have personally endorsed this day, along with ambassadors representing two thirds of the world's population.

"This human achievement, which every family in the world can be proud of, sets a precedent for starting each new year as a responsible and cooperative human society developing traditions of sharing that reflect the reality of our growing interdependence," says Globalfamily Day founder Linda Grover. "And every family can help, just by participating in the holiday."

The media is invited to attend a news conference, hosted by the Global Family Day Program, on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 11:30 am, in the Room H-137 in the U.S. Capitol Building. During this conference, Senate and House supporters, several Ambassadors, and baseball legend Doug Bair will talk about this powerful new tool for human unity. To view the full version of Senate Resolution 357 and House Concurrent Resolution 221, please visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/> and type in Global Family Day.

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Globalfamily Day is an international day of peace and sharing celebrated every January 1 by the citizens of the world. It is a day where individuals and families share food with friends (especially the needy), make personal pledges of non-violence, and spread a message of peace and sharing by ringing a bells or beating a drum in hopes of making society and the world a safer place to live.

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