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The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We the undersigned, co-sponsors of unanimously adopted congressional resolutions recognizing Global Family Day every January 1st, have the honor of inviting you and your family to lead the January 1, 2010, Global Family Day observance, a celebration conceived by children to further the cause of peace, sharing, and understanding among all members of the international community.

In 2000, the 106th Congress unanimously passed S. Con. Res. 138 and in 2006, the 109th Congress unanimously passed H. Con. Res. 317 and S. Res. 582. In these resolutions, the Congress requests that the President issue an annual proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day.

In addition, H. Con. Res. 317 asks that "the President invite former Presidents of the United States, Nobel laureates, and other notables, including American business, labor, faith, and civic leaders, to join the President in promoting appropriate activities for Americans and in extending appropriate greetings from the families of America to families in the rest of the world."

Consistent with the goals and ideals of these congressional resolutions, as well as a similar 2001 United Nations General Assembly resolution, UNRes56/2, we also ask that on January 1, 2010, you and your family ring a bell in observance of Global Family Day. All Global Family Day participants are invited to ring a bell, share a meal, make a pledge, and reach out to others around the globe in a spirit of peace and sharing during January 1st.

Global Family Day is the first major global holiday to invite families around the world to make a commitment toward promoting worldwide fellowship and cooperation;

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holidays are perhaps society's most powerful tool for creating unity and inspiring action in response to our world's challenges.

As you remarked on May 17, 2009, at the University of Notre Dame, "We must find a way to live together as one human family." Global Family Day will help, and your leadership will be immensely valuable.

Sincerely,

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