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U.S. Senators Introduce Resolution Supporting Day of Peace

Washington, DC (November 30, 2009) – On Thursday, November 18, 2009, Senator Daniel Inouye (D-HI) Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) Senate Majority Leader introduced Senate Resolution (S. Res. 357), urging the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day, one day of peace and sharing, every January 1. This resolution marks the culmination of over ten years of grassroots lobbying efforts spearheaded by author Linda Grover, her family, and friends.

The Globalfamily Day initiative, co-founded by Washington DC 2002 Mother of the Year Linda Grover and Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (chief sponsor of the Martin Luther King holiday), has been endorsed twice by the U.S. Congress (S. Con. Res. 138, S. Res. 582 and H. Con. Res. 317), by the UN General Assembly (Res. 54/29 and 56/2), and by more than 30 heads of state and ambassadors representing more than two-thirds of the world's population.

Passage of this Senate resolution is an essential step towards receiving an endorsement of the “one day of peace and sharing initiative” from President Obama, the most recent recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. The Globalfamily Day celebration also gives Americans an opportunity to bring the world together through this non-partisan, symbolic gesture of worldwide peace and unity. The Chinese Embassy has told us that once President Obama recognizes Globalfamily Day, China's President Hu Jintao will most likely endorse and observe this international day of peace.

Co-founders Linda Grover and Congressman Conyers strongly believe the Globalfamily Day initiative will bring the world together through unified family celebration and has the potential to produce incredible gains towards peace and understanding for all of humanity.

For more information about the 2010 Globalfamily Day Initiative, please visit www.2010gfday.webs.com.

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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 and 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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At the start of each new year, let's celebrate life on earth as one global family

Globalfamily Programs was established in 2002 with the purpose of furthering the aims of the United States Congress and the United Nations General Assembly as expressed in the unanimously adopted United Nations Resolutions 54/29 and 56/2 (1999 and 2001), Senate Concurrent Resolution 138, adopted in 2000, Senate Resolution 582 and House Concurrent Resolution 317, adopted in 2006.