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H. RES. 953

Recognizing the 68th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebration of “Human Rights Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2016

Mr. LOWENTHAL (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CROWLEY, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. HONDA, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCNERNEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, Mr. SHERMAN, and Ms. SPEIER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 68th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebration of “Human Rights Day”.

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations 68 years ago on December 10, 1948, represents the first comprehensive agreement among nations as to the specific rights and freedoms of all human beings;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights upholds the basic principles of liberty and freedom enshrined within the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights;

Whereas human rights awareness is essential to the realization of fundamental freedoms and contributes to promoting equality, preventing conflict and human rights violations, and enhancing participation in democratic processes;

Whereas the Department of State has declared that a central goal of United States foreign policy is the promotion of respect for human rights, as embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

Whereas December 10 of each year is celebrated around the world as “Human Rights Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the 68th anniversary of the Uni-
3 versal Declaration of Human Rights and the celebra-
4 tion of “Human Rights Day”;

5 (2) supports the ideals of human rights and re-
6 affirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

7 (3) encourages all nations to continue working
8 towards freedom, peace, and security, which can be
9 achieved only through democracy, respect for human
10 rights, and the rule of law; and

11 (4) encourages the people of the United States
12 to observe “Human Rights Day” and continue their

- 1 commitment to upholding freedom, democracy, and
- 2 human rights across the globe.

