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S. RES. 731

Designating December 10, 2018, as “Human Rights Day” and recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating December 10, 2018, as “Human Rights Day” and recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations on December 10, 1948, represents the first comprehensive agreement among countries 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 in the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights;

Whereas the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (known as the “Declaration on Human Rights Defenders”) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 9, 1998;

Whereas awareness of human rights—

- (1) is essential to the realization of fundamental freedoms;
- (2) promotes equality;
- (3) contributes to preventing conflict and human rights violations; and
- (4) enhances participation in democratic processes;

Whereas Congress has a proud history of promoting human rights that are internationally recognized; and

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

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates December 10, 2018, as “Human
3 Rights Day”;

4 (2) recognizes—

5 (A) the 70th anniversary of the Universal
6 Declaration of Human Rights; and

7 (B) the 20th anniversary of the Declara-
8 tion on the Right and Responsibility of Individ-
9 uals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote
10 and Protect Universally Recognized Human
11 Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (known as

1 the “Declaration on Human Rights Defend-
2 ers”);

3 (3) reaffirms the Universal Declaration of
4 Human Rights;

5 (4) supports the right of human rights defend-
6 ers all over the world to promote the fundamental
7 freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of
8 Human Rights; and

9 (5) encourages the people of the United
10 States—

11 (A) to observe Human Rights Day; and

12 (B) to continue a commitment to uphold-
13 ing freedom, democracy, and human rights
14 around the globe.

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