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Joint Resolution

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[H.J. Res. 410]

Designating April 14, 1992, as "Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A."

Whereas Congress recognizes the historical tradition of ethical values and principles which are the basis of civilized society and upon which our great Nation, the United States of America, was founded;

Whereas President George W. Bush, distinguished leader of our great Nation, stated "Ethical values are the foundation for civilized society. A society that fails to recognize or adhere to them cannot endure.";

Whereas these ethical values and principles have been the cornerstone of society since the dawn of civilization when they were known as the Seven Noahide Laws;

Whereas the Government of the United States and its citizens are committed to the ideals of social equality and the right of each and every person to share in the bounty the world has to offer—ideals deeply rooted in our Nation's history and boldly affirmed by the miraculous changes of the past year;

Whereas our Nation has recently witnessed the beginning triumph of these values through wonders around the world of biblical proportions;

Whereas the end of the Cold War heralds the beginning of an era where individual rights and human dignity become paramount and where the dream of a world in which material and spiritual deprivation is replaced by human kindness and compassion becomes a reality;

Whereas the absolute necessity of mutual responsibility and concern for the needy has been of particular concern to "the Rebbe", Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement;

Whereas the Lubavitch movement, through the establishment of over 1,000 social welfare and educational institutions throughout the world under the leadership of "the Rebbe", has long supported and promoted dedication to education and selfless concern for others;

Whereas Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson has recently issued a worldwide call for a revitalized dedication to loving kindness, charity, and sharing between man and his fellow man;

Whereas Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson is universally revered by all faiths, respected as spiritual leader of world Jewry, and his 90th birthday falls on April 14, 1992;

Whereas in tribute to this great spiritual leader, "the Rebbe", his birthday will be designated as "Education and Sharing Day U.S.A." and this year, his 91st, will mark a new beginning in an age-old commitment to education, accompanied by an increase in general acts of sharing with another, in order to return the world to the moral and ethical values contained in the Seven Noahide Laws; and

Whereas this will be reflected in an international scroll of honor signed by the President of the United States and other heads of state: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That April 14, 1992, the birthday and the start of the 91st year of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the worldwide Lubavitch movement, is designated as "Education and Sharing Day, U.S.A.". The President is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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