

services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

(2) **ELIGIBLE INDIAN GROUP.**—The term “eligible Indian group” means a group that—

(A) is determined by the Secretary to be in need of financial assistance to facilitate fair participation in a pending action described in subsection (b);

(B) is an acknowledged Indian Tribe or has petitioned the Secretary to be acknowledged as a Indian Tribe; and

(C) petitions the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a).

(3) **ELIGIBLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**—The term “eligible local government” means a municipality or county that—

(A) is determined by the Secretary to be in need of financial assistance to facilitate fair participation in a pending action described in subsection (b); and

(B) petitions the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a).

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Grants awarded under this section may only be applied to expenses incurred after the date of enactment of this Act.

(f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$8,000,000 for each fiscal year that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 150—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2001, AS “NATIONAL PARENTS WEEK”

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 150

Whereas parents play an indispensable role in the rearing of their children;

Whereas good-parenting is a time-consuming, emotionally demanding task that is essential not only to the health of a household but to the well-being of our Nation;

Whereas without question, the future of our Nation depends largely upon the willingness of mothers and fathers, however busy or distracted, to embrace their parental responsibilities and to vigilantly watch over and guide the lives of their children;

Whereas mothers and fathers must strive tirelessly to raise children in an atmosphere of decency, discipline, and devotion, where encouragement abounds and where kindness, affection, and cooperation are in plentiful supply;

Whereas the journey into adulthood can be perilous and lonely for a child without stability, direction, and emotional support;

Whereas children benefit enormously from parents with whom they feel safe, secure, and valued, and in an environment where adult and child alike can help one another aspire to joy and fulfillment on a variety of levels; and

Whereas such a domestic climate contributes significantly to the development of healthy, well-adjusted adults, and it is imperative that the general population not underestimate the favorable impact that positive parenting can have on society as a whole: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 23 through September 29, 2001, as “National Parents Week”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to join my friend and colleague from Ohio, Senator VOINOVICH, to offer a resolution designating September 23 through September 29, 2001, as “National parents Week.” During this week, advocates would wear purple ribbons and communities all over would take time to reflect on how important parents are in our children’s lives.

As proud parents of eight children and now six grandchildren, my wife, Fran, and I know that our Nation’s future is in the hands of our children. They are the next doctors, firefighters, teachers, and parents, themselves. To quote Abraham Lincoln, “a child is a person who is going to carry-on what you have started . . . the fate of humanity is in his hands.” President Lincoln’s words hold as true today as they did well over one hundred years ago.

To safeguard this future, parents must fulfill many demanding responsibilities. They must guide their children, teach them right from wrong, share in their joy and comfort, and support them in times of need. As any parent knows, this is not always easy. It takes a parent’s constant dedication, constant attention, and constant love. This resolution will serve as a giant “thank you” to all the parents who work so hard every day to provide for their children.

With this resolution, we congratulate and adulate parents in order to assure them that we are behind them—100 percent. They must know how important it is to stay the course and continue to provide the values and lessons that will secure a bright and promising future for our children.

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I rise today to join my friend and colleague, Senator MIKE DEWINE, to introduce legislation that will highlight the week of September 23, 2001 as National Parent’s Week.

Positive parenting is a task that is crucial to the future of our Nation, yet the responsibilities and burdens that fall upon parents are too often undervalued. I believe it is essential that we highlight the importance of parents in developing healthy and productive children in our society.

Children thrive in homes where parents take an active role in providing stability, safety and discipline. This, combined with unconditional affection and encouragement, provide children with the solid foundation to move ahead in life.

I was fortunate to have grown up in a household with such loving and dedicated parents. My mother and father strongly believed in the duty and re-

sponsibility they had to their six children, and worked tirelessly to ensure that my brothers and sisters and I would become healthy, productive adults.

As a matter of fact, it is from my parents that I learned the importance of using my God-given talents to serve others. My life in public service has been a reflection of what they not only preached, but on how they lived their lives. My siblings and I were taught early on that part of earning and deserving our citizenship was giving back, not only to our immediate family, but also to our community and our country.

Even as my mother entered her eighties, she still served as a model for our family. Although, she was moving on in years, she would still volunteer her time in the library of a Cleveland city school. I would ask her, “Mom—why are you still doing this? You’ve done enough! Why don’t you just rest and take it easy?”

Her answer was always the same: “Because I’m needed.”

I was truly blessed to have two wonderful parents who were such loving and supportive role models. Too often, today’s youth look elsewhere for guidance and comfort, not realizing that all the support and guidance they need is already there under their own roof. It is imperative that we bring the role of parents back to prominence, for they are the front-line for instilling the values we cherish in all our nation’s youth.

I encourage parents all over the nation to recognize and cherish the blessing and responsibility the have in raising God’s gifts to them. It is my hope that through the establishment of “National Parents Week,” we will raise awareness of just how important our parents are in molding the next generation of Americans citizens.

SENATE RESOLUTION 151—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA, AND RELATED INTOLERANCE PRESENTS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS GLOBAL DISCRIMINATION

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. CORZINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 151

Whereas racial discrimination, ethnic conflict, and xenophobia persist in various parts of the world despite continuing efforts by the international community to address these problems;

Whereas in recent years the world has witnessed campaigns of ethnic cleansing;