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H. RES. 611

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and expressing support for “Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2002

Ms. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and expressing support for “Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day”.

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

Whereas December 10th of each year is recognized by the United Nations as “Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day”;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was intended as the “common standard and achievement for all people and all nations”;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has become the cornerstone of international law and all governments are morally bound to apply its principles equally and fairly;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, among other things, guarantees individuals equality before the law and the right to a fair trial, freedom of movement and asylum, and freedom of thought, conscience, religion, opinion, and expression;

Whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has become the most widely accepted statement identifying human rights and is referred to in resolutions and covenants adopted by numerous international organizations, in multilateral and bilateral treaties, in national constitutions, and in national, state, and local laws and decrees; and

Whereas since 1948 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights has become the fundamental international instrument to promote tolerance, understanding, and greater respect for human rights for all peoples and nations: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives reaffirms the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and expresses support for “Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day”.

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