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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. CON. RES. 9

Supporting the goals and ideals of the designation of the year of 2011  
as the International Year for People of African Descent.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2011

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following concurrent  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of the designation of the  
year of 2011 as the International Year for People of  
African Descent.

Whereas United Nations Resolution 64/169, adopted by the  
General Assembly on December 18, 2009, designates the  
year 2011 as the “International Year for People of Afri-  
can Descent”;

Whereas the African Diaspora is expansive, spanning across  
the globe from Latin America and the Caribbean to Asia,  
with persons of African descent living on every continent,  
including Europe;

Whereas the historical bonds and shared experiences that tie  
the African continent with the world must be recalled;

Whereas the global contributions of people of African descent must be recognized as a means of preserving that heritage;

Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution 64/169 with a view to strengthening national actions and regional and international cooperation for the benefit of people of African descent in relation to—

(1) the full enjoyment of economic, cultural, social, civil, and political rights for people of African descent;

(2) the participation and integration of people of African descent in all political, economic, social, and cultural aspects of society; and

(3) the promotion of greater knowledge of, and respect for, the diverse heritage and culture of people of African descent; and

Whereas the Helsinki Final Act resulting from the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in 1975 states that “participating States will respect human rights and fundamental freedoms (. . .) for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion;”: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*  
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3            (1) supports the goals and ideals of the des-  
4            ignation of the year of 2011 as the International  
5            Year for People of African Descent;

6            (2) encourages the recognition and celebration  
7            of the collective history and achievements made by  
8            people of African descent;

1           (3) reaffirms the importance of inclusion and  
2           the full and equal participation of people of African  
3           descent around the world in all aspects of political,  
4           economic, social, and cultural life;

5           (4) continues to support bilateral and multilat-  
6           eral efforts to promote democracy, human rights, the  
7           rule of law, and the eradication of poverty, hunger,  
8           inequality, and social exclusion; and

9           (5) reaffirms the commitment of Congress to  
10          address racism, discrimination, and intolerance in  
11          the United States and around the globe.

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