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H. RES. 672

Expressing support for the designation of September 2021 as “Peace Month”
and calling on Congress to take action to promote peace.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Ms. NORTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of September 2021
as “Peace Month” and calling on Congress to take action
to promote peace.

Whereas the United Nations designated September 21 as the
“International Day of Peace”, otherwise known as Peace
Day;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly declared
Peace Day as a day devoted to “commemorating and
strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among
all nations and peoples”;

Whereas all member states of the United Nations, organiza-
tions, regional and nongovernmental organizations, and
individuals are encouraged to celebrate and recognize
global peace efforts on Peace Day;

Whereas Peace Day represents shared hopes of an end to conflict in all forms;

Whereas the United Nations calls for a 24-hour global ceasefire on Peace Day;

Whereas this year's Peace Day theme is "Recovering better for an equitable and sustainable world";

Whereas 2018 marked the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone development in contemporary human history promoting peace and well-being worldwide;

Whereas violent conflicts could cost upward of \$13,600,000,000,000 per year globally;

Whereas conflict prevention measures could save between \$5,000,000,000 to \$70,000,000,000 per year on average;

Whereas there is almost no interstate war;

Whereas the absolute number of war deaths has been declining since 1945;

Whereas global peace promotion efforts improve the lives of Americans and all peoples;

Whereas the United States has a long history of promoting peace and human rights at home and abroad; and

Whereas September would be an appropriate month to designate as "Peace Month": Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) supports the designation of "Peace Month";
- 3 and

- 1 (2) calls on Congress to promote peace, both at
- 2 home and abroad.

