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# S. CON. RES. 127

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should designate September 11 as a national day of voluntary service, charity, and compassion.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 20, 2004

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should designate September 11 as a national day of voluntary service, charity, and compassion.

Whereas across the United States and around the world, people of all ages and walks of life collectively witnessed an event of immense tragedy on September 11, 2001;

Whereas the events of that day instantly transformed many lives, some through personal loss and many others through an unfamiliar sense of individual and national vulnerability;

Whereas an unprecedented, historic bonding of the people of the United States arose from the collective shock, unifying the United States in a sustained outpouring of na-

tional spirit, pride, selflessness, generosity, courage, and service;

Whereas on that day and the immediate days that followed, many brave people heroically, tirelessly, and courageously participated in an extraordinarily difficult and dangerous rescue and recovery effort, in many cases voluntarily putting their own well-being at risk;

Whereas September 11 will never and should never be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

Whereas the creation of memorials and monuments honoring the lives lost on September 11, 2001, as well as the efforts of those who participated in rescue and recovery and voluntary service efforts, are necessary, proper, and fitting, but alone cannot fully capture the desire of the United States to pay tribute in a meaningful way;

Whereas it is fitting and essential to establish a lasting, meaningful, and positive legacy of service for future generations as a tribute to those heroes of September 11, 2001;

Whereas many citizens wish to memorialize September 11 by engaging in personal and individual acts of community service or other giving activities as part of a national day of recognition and tribute; and

Whereas to lose this opportunity to bring people together for such an important endeavor would be a tragedy unto itself: Now, therefore, be it

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

1           (1) it is the sense of Congress that the Presi-  
2           dent should designate September 11 as an annually  
3           recognized day of voluntary service, charity, and  
4           compassion; and

5           (2) Congress urges the President to issue a  
6           proclamation calling upon the people of the United  
7           States to observe this day with appropriate and per-  
8           sonal expressions of service, charity, and compassion  
9           toward others.

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