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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McHugh (for himself and Mr. Gilman) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas an international torch relay, to be known as the First Earth Run, has been planned by David Gershon, the director of the 1980 Winter Olympic Torch relay and one of the foremost organizers of international running events in the world;

Whereas the First Earth Run will encircle the world, and thus link the people of different nations, honor their common humanity, and promote the spirit of global cooperation needed to resolve the problems of the world, including hunger, poverty, and disease;

Whereas, between September 1986 and December 1986, during the First Earth Run, a flaming torch will be passed from runner to runner, traveling through nation after nation, and the torch will be used to ignite candles in communities worldwide;

Whereas the First Earth Run will begin and end at United Nations headquarters in New York, and thereby encircle the world with light;

Whereas people worldwide will share a common experience in the success of the First Earth Run, with its inspiring ceremony and symbolism;

Whereas sharing of a common experience will encourage a new consciousness in the people of the world, and that new consciousness will perceive a united world and a united humanity;

Whereas the First Earth Run is an appropriate means to capture the imagination of the entire world with the message that the people of the world can and should take responsibility for their shared destiny; and

Whereas the people of the United States share with the people of the world the hopes and dreams embodied in the First Earth Run Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives, believing

2 that the First Earth Run will contribute to improved rela-

3 tions among the peoples of the world—

4 (1) supports the spirit of global cooperation re-

5 flected in the First Earth Run;

6 (2) declares that the people of all nations should

7 be encouraged to support the goals and ideals of the

8 First Earth Run and to extend their good will to all

9 participants in the First Earth Run; and

1 (3) calls upon the leaders of all nations to provide

2 such encouragement for the First Earth Run.

3 Sec. 2. The House of Representatives requests that the

4 President convey to the leaders of other nations the policies

5 expressed in this resolution.