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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY SENATOR DARDENNE

A RESOLUTION

To recognize October 1, 2001 as World Peace Day in the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana acknowledges the need to confront violence across all of society, including violence in our communities and violence among the numerous nations and cultures of the world; and

WHEREAS, this violence too often results in senseless deaths of our youths and can also be characterized by wars of aggression among nations in their attempts for power or revenge; and

WHEREAS, universally, there is a general desire inherent in all peoples for the promotion of peace, including peace among nations, peace in communities, peace in families, and peace within individuals; and

WHEREAS, many people, both in Louisiana and across the world, have dedicated countless time and energy in the struggle to end violence and to promote peace; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of World Peace Day is the result of a resolution adopted by the Institute of All Nations (IAN), under the co-chairmanship of former United States Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg and former United Nations Ambassador Arthur S. Hall, with Louisianian Professor Rama C. Mohanty as general secretary, proclaiming the international observance of World Peace Day each October 1, beginning in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of World Peace Day in Louisiana is designed to promote widespread awareness of and increased support against violence and for recognizing peacemakers, peace workers, and peace organizations that have worked and continue to work to end violence, and to bring greater peace and well-being to families, individuals, and communities in Louisiana and across the world; and

WHEREAS, many peoples, communities, churches, chapels, temples, synagogues, mosques, institutions, and organizations will utilize World Peace Day to come together in conferences, conventions, and workshops to promote awareness against violence and to honor those who have worked and are currently working to promote peace.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize October 1, 2001 as World Peace Day in an effort to encourage the struggle against violence, both in Louisiana and across the world, and for the promotion of peace.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE