



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 08-013

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CONCERNING THE PEACEJAM FOUNDATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, HONORING 1980 NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL FOR HIS WORK WITH YOUTH AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD GLOBAL PEACE.

WHEREAS, The PeaceJam Foundation, an international educational organization founded in Denver, Colorado, in 1996, brings together Nobel Peace Prize recipients to work personally with youth to encourage civic engagement, to foster global citizens, and to inspire a new generation of young leaders committed to making positive contributions to their communities and the world; and

WHEREAS, PeaceJam is the only organization in the world that has Nobel Peace Laureates working directly with youth to provide year-long, on-going educational curricula from kindergarten through college; and

WHEREAS, PeaceJam and its founders, Dawn Engle and Ivan SuvanjiEFF, were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1996, over 600,000 young people worldwide have participated in PeaceJam curricula and programs around

the world, leading to almost 1,000,000 new service projects in countries that include the United States, South Africa, Costa Rica, India, Guatemala, Argentina, and the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr., has proclaimed February 29 through March 6, 2008, to be PeaceJam Week in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In September 2006, Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper honored PeaceJam and ten Nobel Peace Laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Costa Rica President Oscar Arias, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Betty Williams, Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Jody Williams, Rigoberta Mechu Tum, Shirin Ebadi, Adolfo Perez Esquivel, and Jose Ramos-Horta, as they launched the Global Call to Action, a ten-year campaign to inspire people of all ages and nationalities to complete over one billion acts of service and peace by 2016, challenging them to redefine the meaning of peace for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, We honor these young people for their efforts to become more educated and more accepting of diversity and for their commitment to creating a more peaceful future for humankind, just as we honor all Nobel Peace Laureates involved; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

(a) Express our sincere appreciation and support of the continuing statewide, national, and international efforts of Colorado's PeaceJam Foundation to create a new generation of young leaders who are committed to transforming themselves, their communities, and the world;

(b) Welcome and honor 1980 Nobel Peace Laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel from Argentina as he works with PeaceJam on February 29, March 1, and March 2, 2008, in Denver to further the education of our youth and to inspire global action toward peace; and

(c) Encourage the people of Colorado to help PeaceJam and the Nobel Peace Laureates meet their goal of completing over one billion acts of service and peace over the next ten years through the Global Call to Action

that will address the issues of ensuring equal access to water and other natural resources; ending racism and hate; halting the spread of global disease; eliminating extreme poverty; promoting social justice and human rights for all, including rights for women and children; restoring the earth's sustainability; controlling the proliferation of weapons; breaking the cycle of violence; and investing in human security.

(2) That we declare the week of February 29 through March 6, 2008, to be PeaceJam Week in Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to the PeaceJam Foundation.

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