

Senator Jacobs offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 60.

A resolution recognizing September 21, 2005, as the International Day of Peace.

Whereas, The issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all people and remains humanity's guiding hope; and

Whereas, In 1981, the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and people"; and

Whereas, The United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and nonviolence and invited all nations and people to honor cessation of hostilities for the duration of the day; and

Whereas, There is growing support within our state for the observance of the International Day of Peace, which affirms a vision of our world at peace and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations, and nations; and

Whereas, Global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby recognize September 21, 2005, as the International Day of Peace; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted throughout the state of Michigan. We urge all government departments and agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship, and individuals in our state to commemorate, in an appropriate manner, the International Day of Peace. This may include community service projects, cultural exhibits and performances, a moment of silence, ringing of bells, sharing the universal wish "May Peace Prevail on Earth" at noon, vigils, religious services in our places of worship, and other education and public awareness activities in order to help establish a global day of peace in our homes, our communities, and between nations.