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Recognizing Hafsat Abiola, Khanim Latif, Yoani Sánchez, and Akanksha Hazari for their selflessness and dedication to their respective causes, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas women’s leadership in the world is critical to shaping and addressing world events and decreasing global instability;

Whereas women leaders play an integral role in fighting against transnational organized crime, human trafficking, and violence against women, including honor killings, and female genital mutilation;

Whereas changing the trajectory of these dynamics requires empowering women leaders to advance economic opportunity and increase political and public leadership;

Whereas women leaders have selflessly sacrificed, and in some cases placed their lives at risk, to advance causes that will better their communities, their nations, and the world;

Whereas Hafsat Abiola of Nigeria, founder of the Kudirat Initiative for Democracy, campaigns to end violence against women, trains young female leaders, and works to increase civic participation;

Whereas Khanim Latif of Iraq, the Director of Asuda, places her life at risk to provide a safe haven to victims of sexual and gender-based violence, and fights threats of honor killings and female genital cutting;

Whereas Yoani Sánchez of Cuba, founder of “Generación Y”, created a blog that captures daily life in Cuba as an effort to encourage political change and increase public awareness and engagement;

Whereas Akanksha Hazari of India fights to deliver basic necessities such as clean water and electricity to impoverished communities and to empower the underserved in India; and

Whereas each of these leaders serves as a role model and an inspiration to help change the lives of others: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes Hafsat Abiola, Khanim Latif,
3 Yoani Sánchez, and Akanksha Hazari for their self-
4 lessness and dedication to their respective causes;
5 and

1 (2) commends their efforts to advance economic
2 opportunity, increase political and public leadership,
3 combat violence against women, and empower
4 women to address global instability.

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