JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the year of 1979 as the “Food-for-Peace Year”.

 Whereas the year 1979 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the food-for-peace program established by the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 (Public Law 480), approved July 10, 1954; and
Whereas United States agricultural commodities are provided under the food-for-peace program to friendly countries to alleviate and prevent malnutrition and hunger; and

Whereas the commodities supplied under the food-for-peace program to people in more than one hundred countries around the world help to meet famine or other urgent relief requirements, combat malnutrition, promote economic and community development in developing areas, provide assistance for needy persons and nonprofit school lunch and preschool feeding programs, and carry out the commitment of the United States to the world food program; and

Whereas the food-for-peace program has been an important factor in the expansion of overseas markets for United States farm products; and

Whereas the assistance provided under the food-for-peace program is evidence that the United States shares its agricultural abundance with those in need: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the year 1979 is hereby designated as the “Food for Peace Year”, and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation inviting the people of the United States to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.