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10 A RESOLUTION

11 SUPPORTING JUNE 26 AS THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY IN
12 SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE.

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14 WHEREAS, in 1998, the United Nations declared June 26th as United Nations
15 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture; and

16 WHEREAS, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said "Today the United Nations appeals
17 to all governments and members of civil society to take action to defeat torture and torturers
18 everywhere. This is a day on which we pay our respects to those who have endured the
19 unimaginable. This is an occasion for the world to speak up against the unspeakable."; and

20 WHEREAS, torture is one of the most profound human rights abuses, taking a terrible
21 toll on millions of individuals and their families; and

22 WHEREAS, United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is a
23 special day to focus on helping torture victims and ending torture; and

24 WHEREAS, religious and human rights organizations in the United States have declared
25 the month of June to be Torture Awareness Month as a way to provide greater visibility to this

