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Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations
Children's Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COONS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 75th anniversary of the establishment of
the United Nations Children's Fund.

Whereas, for 75 years, the United Nations Children's Fund
(commonly known as "UNICEF") has worked tirelessly
to support the rights and well-being of every child, in
partnership with the United States;

Whereas UNICEF was established in December 1946 to pro-
vide relief for children and adolescents in war-ravished
countries and for child health purposes generally and to
provide, without discrimination, assistance to vulnerable
children around the world;

Whereas, in 1965, the Nobel Prize was awarded to UNICEF
for the "promotion of brotherhood among nations";

Whereas UNICEF has been and remains a formidable and stalwart advocate for children around the world;

Whereas UNICEF operates in more than 190 countries and territories to save the lives, to defend the rights, and fulfill the potential of children from early childhood through adolescence;

Whereas UNICEF partners with United States service organizations, including with Rotary International to eradicate polio, Kiwanis International to fight maternal and neonatal tetanus and iodine deficiency disorders, the American Red Cross to decrease the incidence of childhood measles, Lions Club International to promote and support education initiatives globally, Special Olympics International to protect and uphold the rights of children with disabilities, and many other organizations;

Whereas, since 1990, continuing efforts by UNICEF in partnership with the United States and other countries have helped slash child mortality rates by more than half;

Whereas UNICEF provides critical water, sanitation, and hygiene services and supplies for millions of people in 153 countries;

Whereas UNICEF trains social service workers to deliver essential services and to provide community-based mental health and psychosocial interventions that reach children, adolescents, parents, and caregivers in 117 countries;

Whereas UNICEF helps provide education to millions of children and works to ensure that every child has access to education and the opportunity to develop the skills needed for life and work;

Whereas UNICEF plays a key role in the global response by the United Nations to the COVID–19 pandemic and in the global vaccine distribution plan;

Whereas, beyond the COVID–19 pandemic, UNICEF responds to new and ongoing humanitarian situations in 152 countries;

Whereas UNICEF remains a trusted and reliable source for the secure delivery of vaccines and medicines around the world, particularly for vulnerable populations;

Whereas UNICEF provides personal protective equipment and facilitates training on infection prevention and control for millions of health workers; and

Whereas UNICEF, through its work on the front lines of the COVID–19 pandemic, seeks not only to facilitate recovery from the COVID–19 crisis, but also to reimagine the future for every child by implementing solutions to respond effectively to the COVID–19 pandemic and strengthening systems to better respond to future crises: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the 75th anniversary of the es-
3 tablishment of the United Nations Children’s Fund
4 (commonly known as “UNICEF”);

5 (2) applauds UNICEF for the critical role it
6 plays in protecting the rights and lives of vulnerable
7 children around the world, including the global fight
8 against COVID–19;

9 (3) recommits to the United States partnership
10 with and support for UNICEF; and

- 1 (4) pledges to work with UNICEF to reimagine
- 2 the future for every child as the world recovers and
- 3 rebuilds from the COVID–19 pandemic.

