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Encouraging all Americans to increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing the annual amount of charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2005

Mr. SANTORUM submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Encouraging all Americans to increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing the annual amount of charitable giving in the United States by 1 percent.

Whereas individual charitable giving rates among Americans have stagnated at 1.5 to 2.2 percent of aggregate individual income for the past 50 years;

Whereas a 1 percent increase (from 2 percent to 3 percent) in charitable giving will generate over \$90,000,000,000 to charity;

Whereas charitable giving is a significant source of funding for health, education, and welfare programs; and

Whereas a 1 percent increase in charitable giving may reduce the Federal deficit, reduce the call for tax increases, and

provide funds to benefit our national health, education, and welfare goals: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That Congress encourages all Americans to*
3 *increase their charitable giving, with the goal of increasing*
4 *the annual amount of charitable giving in the United*
5 *States by 1 percent.*

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