

Senate Resolution 190

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress to allow individuals to retain the right to use their image and likeness and
2 shield them from copyright infringement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, current federal copyright law does not protect the right of an individual to use
4 his or her own likeness in any manner he or she chooses; and

5 WHEREAS, it is paramount to a lawful and orderly society that each individual has certain
6 inalienable rights, including the absolute right to control the use of his or her own likeness
7 for any lawful purpose; and

8 WHEREAS, it is within the realm of common sense to assume that an individual should be
9 able to utilize media containing his or her likeness regardless of where said media are found;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, without the ability to use one's own likeness in the manner of his or her
12 choosing, it is difficult for the common individual to intuitively navigate copyright law and
13 avoid committing violations of said law; and

14 WHEREAS, it is imperative to protect the rights of individuals from encroachments on their
15 personal freedoms.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 urge Congress to pass legislation to allow individuals to retain the right to use their image
18 and likeness and shield them from copyright infringement.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the
21 press.