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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the national nutrition program for the elderly, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its establishment.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the national nutrition program for the elderly, on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of its establishment.

Whereas on March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed Public Law 92–258, which amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to establish a national nutrition program for the elderly, commonly referred to as the “Elderly Nutrition Program”;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program has been expanded since its inception in 1972 to include 3 distinct components: congregate meals, home delivered meals, and the Nutrition Program for the Elderly in the Department of Agriculture;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program operates in every State and most counties and cities in the United States, providing seniors with guaranteed meals;

Whereas these meals each provide at a minimum 33 percent of the recommended daily allowances of nutrients;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program has provided more than 4,700,000,000 meals;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program is a vital component of a service network, providing a continuum of home- and community-based long-term care for seniors and helping them to avoid premature or unnecessary institutionalization;

Whereas the Elderly Nutrition Program provides a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation;

Whereas a strong national network of nutrition service providers and thousands of dedicated volunteers administer the Elderly Nutrition Program; and

Whereas under the Elderly Nutrition Program, more than 272,000,000 meals are provided each year to older individuals in the greatest economic or social need and to older Native Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of a national nutrition program
 2 for the elderly, commonly referred to as the “Elderly Nutrition Program”—

5 (1) it is the sense of the Senate that the program, of great importance to the health and well-being of participants, is well-run and continues to

1 achieve its objectives on behalf of the senior citizens
2 it serves; and

3 (2) the Senate—

4 (A) expresses appreciation for the daily
5 work of all the individuals, including volunteers,
6 who administer the program at the local level;
7 and

8 (B) recognizes the importance of the
9 present and future health and well-being of the
10 millions of senior citizens across the Nation, in-
11 cluding the maintenance of their independence
12 and dignity.

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