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Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

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Mr. MICHAUD (for himself, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944.

Whereas on June 22, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights;

Whereas the GI Bill of Rights provided education and training benefits to more than 7,800,000 United States veterans and subsequent Acts have provided those benefits to more than 21,500,000 United States veterans;

Whereas the GI Bill of Rights provided unemployment benefits, small business loans, and job counseling services to assist veterans with the transition from military service to civilian employment;

Whereas the GI Bill of Rights is credited with contributing to the robust recovery of the United States post-World War II economy, and is largely recognized as one of the most successful domestic programs of the United States;

Whereas the GI Bill of Rights, and subsequent Acts, established home loan programs for United States veterans which, since 1944, have guaranteed more than 17,500,000 loans, totaling aggregate loan amounts of more than \$800,000,000,000, providing home ownership opportunities to millions of United States veterans and their families; and

Whereas the GI Bill of Rights, and subsequent Acts, have been recognized by political, business, sociocultural, and educational leaders as landmark pieces of legislation which have collectively contributed to the development of the United States middle class: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That Congress—
- 4 (1) supports the recognition of the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of
- 5 1944, and
- 6 (2) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the 60th anniversary of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 with appropriate ceremonies
- 7 and activities.

