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Expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week.

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Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week.

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to honor and celebrate the commitment of individuals who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas over 20,000,000 men and women work in government service in every city, county, and State across America and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas Federal, State, and local officials perform essential services the Nation relies upon every day;

Whereas the United States of America is a great and prosperous Nation, and public service employees have contributed significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the Nation benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas public servants—

- (1) help the Nation recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;
- (2) fight crime and fire;
- (3) deliver the mail;
- (4) teach and work in the schools;
- (5) deliver social security and medicare benefits;
- (6) fight disease and promote better health;
- (7) protect the environment and national parks;
- (8) defend and secure critical infrastructure;
- (9) improve and secure transportation and the quality and safety of water and food;
- (10) build and maintain roads and bridges;
- (11) provide vital strategic and support functions to our military;
- (12) keep the Nation's economy stable;
- (13) defend our freedom; and
- (14) advance United States interests around the world;

Whereas public servants at the Federal, State, and local level are the first line of defense in maintaining homeland security;

Whereas public servants at every level of government are hard-working men and women, committed to doing a good job regardless of the circumstances;

Whereas Federal, State, and local government employees have risen to the occasion and demonstrated profes-

sionalism, dedication, and courage while fighting the war against terrorism;

Whereas the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those Federal employees who provide support to their efforts, contribute greatly to the security of the Nation and the world;

Whereas May 5 through 11, 2003, has been designated Public Service Recognition Week to honor America's Federal, State, and local government employees; and

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week will be celebrated through job fairs, student activities, and agency exhibits: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends government employees for their
3 outstanding contributions to this great Nation;

4 (2) salutes their unyielding dedication and spir-
5 it for public service;

6 (3) honors those public servants who have given
7 their lives in service to their country;

8 (4) calls upon a new generation of workers to
9 consider a career in public service as an honorable
10 profession; and

11 (5) encourages efforts to promote public service
12 careers at all levels of government.

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