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S. RES. 362

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the dedication of the National World War II Memorial on May 29, 2004, in recognition of the duty, sacrifices, and valor of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in World War II.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAHAM of Florida (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. REED, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. TALENT, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BOND, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. MILLER, Mr. INOUE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURNS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. REID, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BROWNBACK, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KYL, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. ALLARD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate on the dedication of

the National World War II Memorial on May 29, 2004, in recognition of the duty, sacrifices, and valor of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in World War II.

Whereas the National World War II Memorial is being dedicated on Saturday, May 29, 2004, on the National Mall in Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas the National World War II Memorial, a monument of granite and bronze, has a fitting location on the National Mall situated between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial and flanked by memorials dedicated to the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served and died in the Korean War and in the Vietnam era;

Whereas the National World War II Memorial is dedicated to the more than 16,000,000 individuals from the 48 States, the District of Columbia, and the territories and possession of the United States who served in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine in World War II;

Whereas on May 29, 2004, hundreds of thousands of veterans, and their families and friends, from across the United States will gather on the National Mall to join in the dedication of the National World War II Memorial and to pay homage to the memory of the more than 400,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States who died while serving during World War II and the more than 10,000,000 veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II who have died since the end of World War II;

Whereas on May 29, 2004, the Nation will pay tribute to all the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in World War II;

Whereas on May 29, 2004, the Nation will remember the duty, sacrifices, and valor of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served on land and sea and in the air in the more than 89 campaigns conducted in the European and Pacific theaters of operations in World War II;

Whereas on May 29, 2004, the Nation will acknowledge that the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II came from all the States, the District of Columbia, and all the territories and possessions of the United States and represented men and women of all races, religions, ethnic groups, professions, educational attainments, and backgrounds, all united in the goal of serving their Country and preserving freedom; and

Whereas construction of the National World War II Memorial would not have been possible without the donations of hundreds of thousands of individual Americans, as well as corporations, foundations, veterans groups, professional and fraternal organizations, communities, and schools, who all acknowledged that a memorial should be constructed in the National Capital to recognize and pay tribute to the duty, sacrifices, and valor of all the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in World War II: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

2 (1) to express the grateful thanks of the Nation

3 to the more than 16,000,000 individuals who served

1 in the Army, Army Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps,
2 Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine in World War II
3 and to the millions of Americans on the home front
4 who contributed to the war effort during World War
5 II; and

6 (2) to recognize the dedication of the National
7 World War II Memorial on the National Mall in
8 Washington, District of Columbia, on May 29, 2004,
9 as an occasion to acknowledge and pay tribute to the
10 duty, sacrifices, and valor of all the members of the
11 Armed Forces of the United States who served in
12 World War II, a group known collectively as the
13 “Greatest Generation”.

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