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Commemorating the 219th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 219th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service.

Whereas the Act entitled “An Act to establish the Judicial Court of the United States”, approved September 24, 1789 (1 Stat. 73, chapter 20) (commonly known as the “Judiciary Act of 1789”), directed the appointment of United States Marshals and launched the United States Marshals Service;

Whereas the Judiciary Act of 1789 determined that law enforcement would be the primary function of the United States Marshals;

Whereas President George Washington appointed the first 13 United States Marshals soon after signing the Judiciary Act of 1789 into law;

Whereas, during 219 years of service, United States Marshals have executed warrants, distributed presidential proclamations, registered enemy aliens in time of war, and helped conduct the national census;

Whereas, during 219 years of service, United States Marshals have protected the President and the Federal courts, provided for the custody and transportation of Federal prisoners, and maintained and disposed of seized and forfeited properties;

Whereas, during 219 years of service, United States Marshals have ensured the safe conduct of judicial proceedings and protected Federal judges and jurors and other members of the Federal judiciary;

Whereas, through the Witness Security Program, United States Marshals provide for the security, health, and safety of nearly 18,000 Government witnesses and their family members whose lives are in danger as a result of the witnesses' testimony against gangs, drug traffickers, terrorists, organized crime members, and other criminals;

Whereas the United States Marshals Service directs and coordinates regional and district fugitive task forces that combine the efforts of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to apprehend the most dangerous fugitives, making the United States safer;

Whereas, during 219 years of service, United States Marshals have conducted their mission of apprehending fugitives with skill and valor;

Whereas, during fiscal year 2008, United States Marshals have arrested more than 100,000 fugitives wanted for committing felonies and have conducted more than 800 extraditions; and

Whereas United States Marshals carry out complex and life-threatening missions daily to maintain the integrity of the judicial process of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the United States Marshals
3 Service on its 219th anniversary;

4 (2) commends the United States Marshals
5 Service as one of the most versatile and effective law
6 enforcement agencies in the world; and

7 (3) honors the men and women who have served
8 the United States Marshals Service and the Nation
9 valiantly with their dedication to justice, integrity,
10 and service.

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