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2D SESSION

S. RES. 695

Commending the Honor Flight Network and its volunteers and donors for making it possible for World War II veterans to travel to the Nation's capital to visit the World War II Memorial created in their honor.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 17), 2008

Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. McCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, in 2004, nearly 60 years after World War II ended, veterans of that war and all those who supported the war effort at home received recognition for their service, sacrifice, and victory by the dedication of the national World War II Memorial located on the National Mall in Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas many veterans of World War II who fought with courage and valor for the United States are now in their 80s and 90s, and have not had the opportunity, or the ability because of physical or financial limitations, to visit

the Nation's capital to see the World War II Memorial for themselves;

Whereas Jeff Miller of North Carolina and Earl Morse of Ohio created the Honor Flight Network to enable World War II veterans to travel to the Memorial;

Whereas the Honor Flight Network, now operating in communities in more than 30 States, is a grassroots, non-profit organization that uses commercial and chartered flights to send veterans on all-expenses paid trips to Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas the Honor Flights, as those trips are called, are staffed by volunteers and funded by donations;

Whereas former Senator Bob Dole, himself a wounded veteran of World War II, led the fundraising campaign to build the Memorial and often greets veterans arriving at the Memorial through the Honor Flight Network;

Whereas, of the 16,000,000 veterans who served in World War II, an estimated 2,500,000 are alive today, and those veterans are dying at a rate of more than 900 a day; and

Whereas the Honor Flight Network is working against time to thank the Nation's World War II veterans for their service: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate expresses deepest apprecia-
 2 tion to the Honor Flight Network and the Network's vol-
 3 unteers and donors for honoring the Nation's World War
 4 II veterans with an opportunity to visit the World War
 5 II Memorial in Washington, District of Columbia.

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