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# S. RES. 271

Expressing support for the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REID, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009.

Whereas Constitution Day and Citizenship Day are observed each year on September 17;

Whereas, the Joint Resolution of February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9, chapter 49), designated September 17 of each year as “Citizenship Day”, in “commemoration of the formation and signing, on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution of the United States and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization have attained the status of citizenship”;

Whereas section 111(c) of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–447; 118 Stat. 3344) amended section 106 of title 36, United States

Code, to designate September 17 as “Constitution Day and Citizenship Day”;

Whereas Citizenship Day is a special day for all United States citizens, including those who were born in the United States and those who chose to become citizens;

Whereas Citizenship Day is a day to take pride in being a United States citizen and to appreciate the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities inherent in United States citizenship;

Whereas, on Citizenship Day, naturalization ceremonies will be held at historic landmarks throughout the United States;

Whereas United States citizens are viewed with respect, honor, and dignity in the United States and throughout the world; and

Whereas, on September 17 of each year, “The civil and educational authorities of States, counties, cities, and towns are urged to make plans for the proper observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and for the complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside”, section 106(d) of title 36, United States Code: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the ideals and goals of Citizenship  
3       Day 2009;

4               (2) recognizes that citizens from all back-  
5       grounds have made countless contributions to the

1 strength of the United States, making the United  
2 States a symbol of success, promise, and hope;

3 (3) recognizes the initiative taken by immi-  
4 grants to learn about the responsibilities and signifi-  
5 cance of United States citizenship and wishes immi-  
6 grants well in their future efforts to contribute to  
7 the United States; and

8 (4) calls on the people of the United States to  
9 observe Citizenship Day with appropriate cere-  
10 monies, activities, and programs in support of all  
11 United States citizens.

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