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S. RES. 495

Recognizing the continued importance of volunteerism and national service and commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the landmark service legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MIKULSKI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the continued importance of volunteerism and national service and commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the landmark service legislation, the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

Whereas, April 21, 2010, marks the first anniversary of the signing of the Serve America Act (Public Law 111–13; 123 Stat. 1460) (also known as the “Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act”);

Whereas the Serve America Act reauthorized the Corporation for National and Community Service and the programs of the Corporation through 2014, expanding opportunities for millions of people in the United States to serve this Nation;

Whereas the United States is experiencing a wave of new innovation and collaboration to increase volunteerism, as social entrepreneurs try new approaches, technology increases access and expands service, and corporate volunteers provide pro bono skills to nonprofit organizations;

Whereas the Serve America Act increases volunteer opportunities for people of all ages in the United States, with a focus on disadvantaged youth, seniors, and veterans;

Whereas the Serve America Act promotes social innovation by supporting and expanding proven programs and builds the capacity of individuals, nonprofit organizations, and communities to volunteer; and

Whereas the Serve America Act leverages service to assist in meeting challenges in the areas of education, health, clean energy, veterans assistance, and economic opportunity: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes that service is of significant value
3 to the United States;

4 (2) commemorates the first anniversary of the
5 Serve America Act (Public Law 111–13; 123 Stat.
6 1460) (also known as the “Edward M. Kennedy
7 Serve America Act”); and

8 (3) encourages every person in the United
9 States to continue to answer the call to serve.

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