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Expressing support for designation of 2011 as “World Veterinary Year” to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ENSIGN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the first veterinary school in the world was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761;

Whereas 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of veterinary education and the founding of the veterinary medical profession;

Whereas 2011 will mark the beginnings of comparative biopathology, a basic tenet of the “one health” concept;

Whereas veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect the

people of the United States, such as salmonellosis, West Nile Virus, yellow fever, and malaria;

Whereas veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research;

Whereas veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy;

Whereas veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of the herd and food supply of the Nation;

Whereas military veterinarians provide crucial assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world;

Whereas disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters;

Whereas veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and promoting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare;

Whereas 2011 would be an appropriate year to designate as “World Veterinary Year” to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary; and

Whereas colleagues in the United States will join veterinarians from around the world to celebrate this momentous occasion: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) supports the designation of 2011 as “World
2 Veterinary Year”;

3 (2) supports the goals and ideals of World Vet-
4 erinary Year of bringing attention to and expressing
5 appreciation for the contributions that the veterinary
6 profession has made and continues to make to ani-
7 mal health, public health, animal welfare, and food
8 safety; and

9 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
10 mation calling upon the people of the United States
11 to observe 2011 as World Veterinary Year with ap-
12 propriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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