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S. J. RES. 47

Amending title 36, United States Code, to designate July 26 as United States Intelligence Professionals Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2012

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. SNOWE) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on July 26, 1908, Attorney General Charles Bonaparte ordered newly hired Federal investigators to report to the Office of the Chief Examiner of the Department of Justice, which subsequently was renamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Whereas, on July 26, 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401 et seq.), creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thereby laying the foundation for today's intelligence community;

Whereas the National Security Act of 1947, which appears in title 50 of the United States Code, governs the definition, composition, responsibilities, authorities, and oversight of the intelligence community of the United States;

Whereas the intelligence community is defined by section 3(4) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401a(4)) to include the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, other offices within the Department of Defense for the collection of specialized national intelligence through reconnaissance programs, the intelligence elements of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Department of Energy, the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis of the Department of the Treasury, the elements of the Department of Homeland Security concerned with the analysis of intelligence information, and other elements as may be designated;

Whereas July 26, 2012, shall be the 65th anniversary of the signing of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 401 et seq.);

Whereas the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108–458; 118 Stat. 3638) created the position of the Director of National Intelligence to serve as the head of the intelligence community and to ensure that national intelligence be timely, objective, independent of political considerations, and based upon all sources available;

Whereas Congress has previously passed joint resolutions, signed by the President, to designate Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15, Patriot Day on September 11, and other commemorative occasions, to honor the sacrifices of law enforcement officers and of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001;

Whereas the United States has increasingly relied upon the men and women of the intelligence community to protect and defend the security of the United States in the decade since the attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas the men and women of the intelligence community, both civilian and military, have been increasingly called upon to deploy to theaters of war in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere since September 11, 2001;

Whereas numerous intelligence officers of the elements of the intelligence community have been injured or killed in the line of duty;

Whereas intelligence officers of the United States are routinely called upon to accept personal hardship and sacrifice in the furtherance of their mission to protect the United States, to undertake dangerous assignments in the defense of the interests of the United States, to collect reliable information within prescribed legal authorities upon which the leaders of the United States rely in life-and-death situations, and to “speak truth to power,” by providing their best assessments to decisionmakers, regardless of political and policy considerations;

Whereas the men and women of the intelligence community have on numerous occasions succeeded in preventing attacks upon the United States and allies of the United States, saving numerous innocent lives; and

Whereas intelligence officers of the United States must of necessity often remain unknown and unrecognized for their substantial achievements and successes: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF JULY 26 AS UNITED STATES**
 4 **INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS DAY.**

5 Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended
 6 by adding at the end the following:

7 **“§ 145. United States Intelligence Professionals Day**

8 “(a) DESIGNATION.—July 26 is United States Intel-
 9 ligence Professionals Day.

10 “(b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is authorized
 11 and requested to issue each year a proclamation calling
 12 on—

13 “(1) the people of the United States to observe
 14 this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities;
 15 and

16 “(2) all departments, agencies, and instrumen-
 17 talities of the United States and interested organiza-
 18 tions and individuals to display the flag of the
 19 United States on United States Intelligence Profes-
 20 sionals Day in honor of the courage, fidelity, sac-
 21 rifice, and professionalism of the men and women of
 22 the intelligence community of the United States.”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

2 The table of contents for chapter 1 of title 36, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new item:

“145. United States Intelligence Professionals Day.”

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