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Designating April 15, 2011, as “National TEA Party Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the deficit, as of April 15, 2011, is the third consecutive deficit in excess of \$1,000,000,000,000 in 3 years, and in the history of the United States;

Whereas the taxpayers of the United States understand that the so-called “Stimulus Bill”, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5), included a laundry list of spending projects that has only increased our national debt;

Whereas passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5) was undertaken with guarantees of restricting unemployment to levels equal to or less than 8 percent, yet unemployment rates have consistently exceeded 8 percent;

Whereas Congress should pass, and the States should ratify, a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution to ensure structural reform that will force Congress and the President to balance the budget;

Whereas future bailouts of Wall Street have been codified by the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Public Law 111–203);

Whereas the taxpayers of the United States understand that the bailouts of Wall Street by the United States Government have been ineffective and a waste of taxpayer funding;

Whereas the Federal Government must borrow approximately 40 cents of every dollar of Federal spending, causing our Nation to continue on an unsustainable path of increasing debt;

Whereas Congress should enact permanently lower tax rates and a simpler tax code so that taxpayers and business owners no longer face heavy compliance costs and the uncertainty of tax rates that increase automatically;

Whereas the taxpayers of the United States agree that the United States Government should stop wasteful spending, reduce the tax burden on families and businesses, and focus on policies that will lead to job creation and economic growth; and

Whereas taxpayers in the United States are expressing their opposition to efforts to raise taxes, the unsustainable debt, the failure to enact systematic budget reforms, and skyrocketing spending by the United States Government by organizing “Taxed Enough Already” parties, also known as “TEA” parties: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates April 15, 2011,
- 2 as “National TEA Party Day”.

