

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 341

Designating the first full week of December in 2011 as “National Christmas Tree Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BURR, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the first full week of December in 2011 as
“National Christmas Tree Week”.

Whereas Christmas trees are grown in all 50 States;

Whereas Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850;

Whereas Edward Johnson, assistant to Thomas Edison, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882;

Whereas President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923;

Whereas there are close to 15,000 farms growing Christmas trees in the United States;

Whereas there are approximately 100,000 people employed full or part-time in the Christmas tree industry;

Whereas Christmas tree farms in the United States planted approximately 35,000,000 Christmas trees in 2011 to replace those harvested in 2010; and

Whereas growing Christmas trees preserves green space and small family-owned farms, provides habitats for wildlife, and sequesters carbon dioxide: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the first full week of December
3 in 2011 as “National Christmas Tree Week”;

4 (2) encourages the celebration of Christmas
5 trees during that week;

6 (3) recognizes the role Christmas trees have
7 played in the history of the United States;

8 (4) reaffirms the environmental benefits of
9 Christmas tree farms and recycled Christmas trees;

10 (5) encourages the recycling of Christmas trees
11 after the holiday season; and

12 (6) celebrates the joy Christmas trees bring to
13 families across the United States.

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