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Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2015

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. KIRK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

Whereas, on January 27, 1945, the Auschwitz extermination camp in Nazi-occupied Poland was liberated by Allied Forces during World War II after almost 5 years of murder, rape, and torture at the camp;

Whereas 1,100,000 innocent civilians were murdered at the Auschwitz extermination camp;

Whereas nearly 1,300,000 innocent civilians were deported to Auschwitz from their homes across Eastern and Western Europe, particularly from Hungary, Poland, and France;

Whereas 1,000,000 of the civilians who perished at the camp were Jews, along with 100,000 non-Jewish Poles, Roma and Sinti individuals, Soviet prisoners of war, Jehovah's

Witnesses, gay men and women, and other ethnic minorities;

Whereas these civilians included farmers, tailors, seamstresses, factory hands, accountants, doctors, teachers, small-business owners, clergy, intellectuals, government officials, and political activists;

Whereas these civilians were subjected to torture, forced labor, starvation, rape, medical experiments, and being separated from loved ones;

Whereas the names of many of these civilians who perished have been lost forever;

Whereas the Auschwitz extermination camp symbolizes the extraordinary brutality of the Holocaust;

Whereas the people of the United States must never forget the terrible crimes against humanity committed at the Auschwitz extermination camp;

Whereas the people of the United States must educate future generations to promote understanding of the dangers of intolerance in order to prevent similar injustices from happening again; and

Whereas commemoration of the liberation of the Auschwitz extermination camp will instill in all people of the United States a greater awareness of the Holocaust: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates January 27, 2015, as the
3 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz
4 extermination camp by Allied Forces during World
5 War II;

1 (2) calls on all people of the United States to
2 remember the 1,100,000 innocent victims murdered
3 at the Auschwitz extermination camp as part of the
4 Holocaust;

5 (3) honors the legacy of the survivors of the
6 Holocaust and of the Auschwitz extermination camp;
7 and

8 (4) calls on the people of the United States to
9 continue to work toward tolerance, peace, and jus-
10 tice and to end all genocide and persecution.

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