

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 829

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and celebrating the long history of the commitment of the Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation to serving the local communities of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2022

Mr. KING (for Mr. SULLIVAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and celebrating the long history of the commitment of the Marine Corps Reserve and the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation to serving the local communities of the United States.

Whereas, in 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program was created by William “Bill” Hendricks, Major, United States Marine Corps Reserve, to assist the orphaned and less fortunate children following World War II;

Whereas, during the 1947 holiday season, Major Hendricks and his United States Marine Corps Reserve unit provided more than 5,000 toys to children in the Los Angeles local area;

Whereas, in 1948, the Commandant of the Marine Corps established the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program as a nationwide effort;

Whereas, in 1991, to continue the administration of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation was created as a nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

Whereas, in 1995, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program was assigned as an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve and an official activity of the Marine Corps;

Whereas the mission of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted, in order to contribute to the welfare of the local community, increase public awareness, and enhance the image of the Marine Corps;

Whereas the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has expanded to cover all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Guam, and includes 142 Marine Forces Reserve Unit campaigns and more than 800 campaigns run by civilian volunteers; and

Whereas the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program has provided more than 604,000,000 toys and 1,800,000 books to more than 272,000,000 of the less fortunate children of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the territories of the United States, including more

than 180,000 children who are part of the Toys for Tots Native American Program, while maintaining a 97:3 program to support ratio: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates and celebrates the 75th an-
3 niversary of the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots
4 Program;

5 (2) recognizes and thanks the Marine Corps
6 Toys for Tots Foundation for tirelessly serving the
7 underserved children throughout the United States,
8 the District of Columbia, and the territories of the
9 United States; and

10 (3) applauds the Marine Corps Reserve and the
11 Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation for
12 their past, present, and future efforts to bring
13 Christmas joy to millions of children year after year.

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