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Expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. FETTERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year.

Whereas the week of May 4 through May 10, 2025, has been designated as “Public Service Recognition Week” to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and local governments, and members of the uniformed services, for their contributions to the United States;

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize and promote the important contributions of public servants and to honor the people who serve the United States at all levels of government and as members of the uniformed services;

Whereas millions of individuals serve the public in government service and as members of the uniformed services in every State, county, and city across the United States and around the world;

Whereas public servants provide crucial services to millions of people across the United States, supporting local programs and contributing to local economies;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions and highly skilled and trained individuals offering their knowledge, effort, and skills in support of the public;

Whereas the United States is a great and prosperous country, and public service employees contribute significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas public servants—

- (1) defend the freedom of the people of the United States and advance the interests of the United States and the ideals of democracy around the world;

- (2) provide vital strategic support functions to the Armed Forces and serve in the National Guard and Reserves;

- (3) fight crime and fires;

- (4) ensure equal access to secure, efficient, and affordable mail service;

- (5) deliver benefits under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), including benefits under the Medicare program under title XVIII of that Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

- (6) fight disease and promote better health;

- (7) protect the environment and the parks of the United States;

- (8) enforce laws guaranteeing equal employment opportunity and healthy working conditions;
- (9) defend and secure critical infrastructure;
- (10) help the people of the United States recover from natural disasters, pandemics, and terrorist attacks;
- (11) teach and work in schools and libraries;
- (12) develop new technologies and explore Earth, the moon, and space to improve knowledge on how the world changes;
- (13) improve and secure transportation systems;
- (14) promote economic stability and growth;
- (15) assist veterans of the Armed Forces; and
- (16) provide critical support to the United States in a variety of other efforts and endeavors;

Whereas members of the uniformed services and civilian employees at all levels of government—

- (1) provide a variety of services that make significant contributions to the general welfare of the United States;
 - (2) are on the front lines in the fight to defeat terrorism and maintain homeland security; and
 - (3) bravely defend the United States and its ideals;
- and

Whereas the week of May 4 through May 10, 2025, marks the 41st anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

- 2 (1) supports the designation of the week of May
- 3 4 through May 10, 2025, as “Public Service Rec-
- 4 ognition Week”;

1 (2) commends public servants during Public
2 Service Recognition Week for their outstanding con-
3 tributions to the United States throughout the year;

4 (3) salutes government employees and members
5 of the uniformed services for their unyielding dedica-
6 tion to, and enthusiasm for, the public whom they
7 serve;

8 (4) honors government employees and members
9 of the uniformed services who have given their lives
10 in service to their communities and the United
11 States;

12 (5) encourages efforts to promote and celebrate
13 public service careers at every level of government;

14 (6) expresses gratitude to the public servants
15 who have selflessly answered the call to serve the
16 United States, their State, and their communities;
17 and

18 (7) expresses gratitude to the Federal workers
19 who have selflessly answered the call to serve the
20 United States.

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