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Honoring Drs. Arvid Carlsson, Paul Greengard, and Eric R. Kandel for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2000, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BIDEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Honoring Drs. Arvid Carlsson, Paul Greengard, and Eric R. Kandel for being awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2000, and for other purposes.

Whereas on October 9, 2000, the Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for 2000 to Drs. Arvid Carlsson, Paul Greengard, and Eric R. Kandel for their pioneering discoveries in the field of neuroscience;

Whereas these discoveries have been crucial in achieving a fuller understanding of the normal function of the brain and the mechanisms by which brain cells communicate with each other at the molecular level to create moods and memories in individuals;

Whereas the World Health Organization has found that 4 of the 10 leading causes of disability for persons age 5 and older are mental disorders;

Whereas schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, Alzheimer's disease, and other mental disorders affect nearly 1 in 5 people in the United States each year;

Whereas the work of Drs. Carlsson, Greengard, and Kandel has laid a foundation for the development of drugs and other treatments for mental illnesses and neurological disorders that promise to be more effective and to have fewer or less acute side effects; and

Whereas the National Institutes of Health contributed to advances in the field of neuroscience by providing grants and research support to Drs. Carlsson, Greengard, and Kandel for a period exceeding 30 years: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and honors Drs. Arvid Carlsson,
3 Paul Greengard, and Eric R. Kandel for their cumulative achievements in advancing scientific understanding in the field of neuroscience;

6 (2) expresses support for the ongoing efforts of
7 the National Institutes of Health to fund and assist
8 researchers in developing treatments for mental illnesses and neurological disorders;

10 (3) expresses support for the ongoing efforts of
11 the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology,
12 a scientific society whose principal functions are to

1 further research and education in neuropsychopharmacology and related fields, and to encourage
2 scientists to enter research careers in fields related
3 to the treatment of diseases of the nervous system
4 including psychiatric, neurological, behavioral, and
5 addictive disorders; and
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7 (4) expresses support for efforts to promote
8 mental health for all people in the United States
9 through advances in science and overcoming societal
10 attitudes, fears, and misunderstandings concerning
11 mental illness.

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