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Commending the staffs of Members of Congress, the Capitol Police, the Office of the Attending Physician and his health care staff, and other members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism during the days and weeks following the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle's office.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2001

Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Commending the staffs of Members of Congress, the Capitol Police, the Office of the Attending Physician and his health care staff, and other members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism during the days and weeks following the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle's office.

Whereas there are approximately 30,000 legislative branch employees who work on Capitol Hill including approximately 6,200 Senate employees, 11,500 House employees, and 12,800 staff from other entities;

Whereas the Capitol Complex consists of approximately 285 acres comprised of 3 Senate office buildings, 3 House of-

five buildings, 2 House annex buildings, 3 Library of Congress buildings, and several other facilities;

Whereas on October 15, 2001, a letter containing anthrax spores was opened in Senator Daschle's office;

Whereas approximately 6,000 individuals were tested for exposure to anthrax and 28 of those individuals tested positive;

Whereas approximately 1000 individuals received a 60-day supply of antibiotics as a precautionary measure;

Whereas the House of Representatives closed the Rayburn and Cannon House Office Buildings for 7 days and the Longworth House Office building for 19 days;

Whereas the Senate closed the Russell Senate Office Building for 6 days, the Dirksen Senate Office Building for 8 days, and the Hart Senate Office Building remains closed;

Whereas during the closure of the Senate and House Office Buildings, Members and staff were forced to find alternative office space or to work from their homes;

Whereas Members and staff whose offices are located in the Hart Senate Office Building continue to utilize alternative office space, including office space donated by other Members;

Whereas Senate, House, and support staff continued and still continue to perform their duties and serve the public with courage and professionalism in spite of the threat of anthrax exposure;

Whereas Capitol Hill police officers have worked 12 hour shifts in response to the September 11, 2001, attacks and have been working additional overtime due to an-

thrax contamination in the Capitol Complex to ensure the safety of Members, staff, and visitors within the Capitol Complex; and

Whereas the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle's office, and the contamination of 2 Senate office buildings and 1 House office building, has further disrupted the daily routines of Congressional Members and their staffs and caused frustration due to dislocated offices: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the staffs of Members of Con-
3 gress, the Capitol Police, the Office of the Attending
4 Physician and his health care staff, and other mem-
5 bers of the Capitol Hill community for their courage,
6 professionalism, and dedication to serving the public
7 in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks
8 and the release of anthrax in Senator Daschle's of-
9 fice;

10 (2) recognizes the Congressional leadership,
11 Congressional employees, the Capitol Police, and the
12 Office of the Attending Physician and the health
13 care professionals in his office, in particular, who by
14 their quick actions and early intervention prevented
15 actual cases of anthrax within the Capitol Complex;
16 and

17 (3) requests that the President recognize the
18 courage and professionalism of Congressional staff,

1 the Capitol Police, and other members of the Capitol
2 Hill community for their public service in continuing
3 to do the public's business in defiance of terrorist at-
4 tacks.

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