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Commending John E. Dolibois for dedication to his country, contributions to global education, and more than a half-century of service to humanity.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DEWINE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commending John E. Dolibois for dedication to his country, contributions to global education, and more than a half-century of service to humanity.

Whereas John Dolibois was born in Luxembourg and when he arrived in the United States of America at 12 years of age, he was not able to speak English, but learned it quickly and added it to his fluency in German and French;

Whereas John Dolibois became a naturalized citizen in 1941;

Whereas John Dolibois' service as a captain in United States Army intelligence called on his highly developed personal skills to make him a prime interrogator of 86 top Nazi prisoners, in preparation for and during the International War Crimes Trial in Nuremberg after World War II;

Whereas John Dolibois contributed to spreading the understanding of World War II atrocities by speaking publicly for decades about his experiences following the War Crimes Trial, including speaking engagements this year;

Whereas John Dolibois served Miami University in Oxford, Ohio for 34 years, including service as vice president for university relations from 1967 to 1981, and while in that role he was instrumental in the University establishing an overseas campus in Luxembourg, named the John E. Dolibois European Center;

Whereas John Dolibois was responsible for funds raised in the late 1940s through early 1980s that helped build Miami University's art museum, conference center, chapel, and alumni center, and helped provide numerous scholarships;

Whereas John Dolibois authored major sections on alumni programming and college public relations in the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education and contributed articles to the State Department's "Exchange Magazine" on international education;

Whereas John Dolibois received the Miami University's highest honor, the Benjamin Harrison Medal, and the "Citizen of the Year" award from an Oxford, Ohio, committee of residents in 1963, in part for his service as a trustee to the Lane Public Library and as a director of the Community Chest;

Whereas John Dolibois was 1 of 12 United States citizens named by President Richard Nixon to the Board of Foreign Scholarships, which he served on for 3 terms, supervising the Fulbright Program and playing a major role in the development of the Fulbright Alumni Program;

Whereas John Dolibois’ personal and diplomatic skills further distinguished his ability to communicate effectively, allowing him to serve as the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg from 1981 to 1985, upon the request of President Ronald Reagan;

Whereas John Dolibois, as a member of Luxembourg’s Board of Economic Development, encouraged United States business in Luxembourg and stimulated trade between Luxembourg and Ohio;

Whereas John Dolibois has been decorated twice by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for his wartime service and his contributions to international education and tourism;

Whereas John Dolibois has stayed connected to youth via 50 years of activity with the Boy Scouts, including becoming an Eagle Scout, serving as a vice president for the Dan Beard Scout Council in Cincinnati, and receiving scouting’s highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award;

Whereas John Dolibois earned critical acclaim for his memoir, “Pattern of Circles”, in which he professed his gratitude for the United States of America, his adopted country; and

Whereas John Dolibois was inducted into Ohio’s Veterans Hall of Fame in 1998 and has been noted in “Who’s Who in America” and “Who’s Who in the World”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends John E. Dolibois for superior
3 lifetime achievements, an indisputable resolve to con-
4 tribute, and an inspirational legacy of service to this
5 country and to the global community; and

1 (2) expresses its appreciation for his life-long
2 service.

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