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Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

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Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. GREGG, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. KOHL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 1, 2003

Reported by Mr. HATCH, without amendment

MAY 1, 2003

Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

Whereas the well-being of all citizens of the United States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel;

Whereas more than 700,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety, presently serve their fellow citizens as guardians of peace;

Whereas peace officers are on the front line in preserving the right of the children of the United States to receive an education in a crime-free environment, a right that is all too often threatened by the insidious fear caused by violence in schools;

Whereas more than 145 peace officers across the Nation were killed in the line of duty during 2002, well below the decade-long average of 165 deaths annually, and a major drop from 2001 when 230 officers were killed, including 72 officers in the September 11th terrorist attacks;

Whereas a number of factors contributed to this reduction in deaths, including better equipment and the increased use of bullet-resistant vests, improved training, longer prison terms for violent offenders, and advanced emergency medical care;

Whereas every year, 1 out of every 9 peace officers is assaulted, 1 out of every 25 peace officers is injured, and 1 out of every 4,400 peace officers is killed in the line of duty somewhere in America every other day; and

Whereas on May 15, 2003, more than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in Washington, D.C. to join with the families of their recently fallen comrades to honor those comrades and all others who went before them: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes May 15, 2003, as Peace Officers
2 Memorial Day, in honor of Federal, State, and local
3 officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

4 (2) calls upon the people of the United States
5 to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and
6 respect.

