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Designating September 25, 2016, as ''National Lobster Day''.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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RESOLUTION

Designating September 25, 2016, as ''National Lobster Day''.

Whereas the American lobster is recognized around the world as a prized and flavorful culinary delicacy;

Whereas lobster fishing has served as an economic engine and family tradition in the United States for centuries;

Whereas thousands of families in the United States make their livelihoods from lobster fishing and processing;

Whereas more than 120,000,000 pounds of lobster is caught each year in the waters of the United States, representing one of the most valuable catches in the United States;

Whereas foreign markets for lobster from the United States are booming, with export values having more than doubled since 2009;

Whereas historical lore notes that lobster likely joined turkey on the table at the very first Thanksgiving feast in 1621;

Whereas responsible lobstering practices beginning in the 1600s have created one of the most sustainable fisheries in the world;

Whereas Lobster Newburg was featured at the inaugural dinner celebration for President John F. Kennedy;

Whereas lobster is an excellent source of lean protein and is low in saturated fat and high in vitamin B12;

Whereas lobster has become a culinary icon, with the lobster roll featured at the 2015 World Food Expo in Milan, Italy;

Whereas the White House proudly served lobster at the State Dinner with Chinese President Xi Jinping on National Lobster Day in 2015;

Whereas, on September 24, 2015, steamed lobster was prepared for the visit by Pope Francis to New York;

Whereas lobster is enjoyed at casual beach-side lobster boils and also revered as a delicacy at fine dining restaurants; and

Whereas the peak of the lobstering season in the United States occurs in the late summer: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 25, 2016, as National Lobster Day; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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