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S. RES. 259

Recognizing June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 2, 2025

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate.

Whereas, for nearly 4 decades, Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) has served as an essential conduit between the United States Senate and the American public;

Whereas, since its launch on June 2, 1986, the channel C-SPAN2 has offered uninterrupted, unfiltered access to the debates, votes, and deliberations of the Senate;

Whereas, over the course of 39 years, C-SPAN2 has recorded more than 43,830 hours of Senate sessions, capturing more than 169,000 speeches that span the spectrum of political thoughts, policy debates, and personal testimony;

Whereas these recordings preserve the voices of 359 different Senators, including 185 Republicans, 167 Democrats, and 7 Independents, across nearly 4 decades of service;

Whereas C-SPAN2 has documented more than 23,493 roll call votes, each a building block of American law and policy, a living ledger of Senate decision-making;

Whereas C-SPAN operates without public funding or government oversight;

Whereas the continued availability and success of C-SPAN is due to the funding provided by cable and satellite television operators in the United States; and

Whereas all television providers, including streaming services, should make delivery of C-SPAN a priority so Americans can watch Congress in action, in real time: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes—

2 (1) June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-
3 SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate; and

4 (2) the importance of continuous Senate cov-
5 erage for all Americans and the need for live cov-
6 erage to be accessible on all platforms.

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