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Honoring the life and legacy of Robert S. Mueller III and commending him for a life dedicated to public service and the defense of the democracy of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2026

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Warner, Mr. Schiff, and Mr. Schumer) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of Robert S. Mueller III and commending him for a life dedicated to public service and the defense of the democracy of the United States.

Whereas Robert Swan Mueller III was born on August 7, 1944, in New York City, New York, to his mother Alice Truesdale and his father Robert Swan Mueller, Jr.;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, in 1962 and later earned his bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University in 1966 and his master's degree in international relations from New York University in 1967;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III met his wife Ann Cabell Standish when they were in high school, and they were married in 1966 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III and his wife Ann raised 2 daughters;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III served with distinction in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1970;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III served as a rifle platoon leader in the Vietnam War with Second Platoon, H Company, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division and earned a Bronze Star for valor during Operation Scotland II, when he led a rifle platoon in South Vietnam that was ambushed on December 11, 1968, resulting in multiple casualties, and he rescued a wounded Marine;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III earned a Purple Heart after being wounded by enemy fire in April 1969 while leading his platoon to rescue fellow soldiers pinned down by the enemy;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III served as the aide-de-camp to Major General William K. Jones;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III earned Commendation Medals, a Combat Action Ribbon, the National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal in recognition of his conduct and valor during combat;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1973 and then worked in private practice for the law firm Pillsbury and later for the law firm Hill and Barlow;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III served as a Federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California from 1976 to 1982, where he became the Chief of the Criminal Division;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III served as a Federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts, where he focused on corruption, money laundering, fraud, narcotics, and terrorism investigations and prosecutions;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III joined the Department of Justice in 1989 and in 1990 was appointed as the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, overseeing the investigations and prosecutions of Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, Gambino crime family boss John Gotti, and the Lockerbie bombing of Pan Am Flight 103;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III briefly returned to private practice at the law firm Hale & Dorr but then returned to public service as a senior prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia's homicide division in 1995, where he prosecuted homicide cases in the capital of the United States;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III was then appointed as the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California from 1998 to 2001 and served as the Acting Deputy Attorney General in 2001;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III served as the sixth Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (referred to in this preamble as the "FBI") from 2001 to 2013, when in the immediate aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, he worked to transform the FBI into an agency

capable of embracing its growing counterterrorism and intelligence mission;

Whereas, in 2014, Robert S. Mueller III again returned to private practice at WilmerHale, and later returned in 2019 until his retirement from the firm in 2021;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III was awarded the 2016 Sylvanus Thayer Award, the highest honor bestowed upon non-graduates by the West Point Association of Graduates, for his commitment to service and his accomplishments that honor West Point's core values;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III was appointed Special Counsel for the Department of Justice on May 17, 2017, a position in which he oversaw an investigation of the Russian government's efforts to interfere in a United States election;

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III died on March 20, 2026, after a remarkable life dedicated to serving his country and fellow man; and

Whereas Robert S. Mueller III is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Ann, his beloved daughters and his cherished grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the life and legacy of Robert Swan
3 Mueller III a distinguished combat veteran and life-
4 long public servant who dedicated his life to hon-
5 oring the values of honor, courage, and commitment
6 that are central to the United States Marine Corps;

7 (2) commends Robert S. Mueller III for his
8 commitment to the rule of law and to defending the

1 Constitution of the United States against all en-
2 emies, foreign and domestic;

3 (3) extends its deepest condolences and sym-
4 pathies to his family; and

5 (4) requests that the Secretary of the Senate
6 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
7 family of Robert S. Mueller III.

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