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S. RES. 95

Designating August 16, 1997, as “National Airborne Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Parachute Test Platoon was authorized by the War Department on June 25, 1940, to experiment with the potential use of airborne troops;

Whereas the Parachute Test Platoon was composed of 48 volunteers who began training in July 1940;

Whereas the Parachute Test Platoon performed the first official Army parachute jump on August 16, 1940;

Whereas the success of the Parachute Test Platoon led to the formation of a large and successful airborne contingent serving from World War II until the present;

Whereas the 82d Airborne Division was the first Airborne Division that was organized following the successes of the Parachute Test Platoon and the early airborne training

program and has continued in active service since its creation;

Whereas the 82d Airborne Division Association exists to continue and foster that special esprit de corps among fellow paratroopers, to perpetuate the memory of the 82d Airborne Division troopers who fought and died for our Nation, and to further the common bond among all members of the airborne community; and

Whereas the 82d Airborne Division Association, during the 52d year of existence and at the 50th Annual Convention, adopted a resolution to perpetuate the memory of the Parachute Test Platoon's "Jump Into History" on August 16, 1940: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates August 16, 1997, as "National
3 Airborne Day"; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling upon the Federal, State, and local ad-
6 ministrators and the people of the United States to
7 observe the day with appropriate programs, cere-
8 monies, and activities.

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