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Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the month of June 1997, the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan, as George C. Marshall month, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 1997

Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the month of June 1997, the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan, as George C. Marshall month, and for other purposes.

Whereas 1997 marks the fiftieth year since the European Recovery Program, or what came to be called the Marshall Plan, was first conceived and proclaimed by General George Catlett Marshall while he was serving as Secretary of State of the United States;

Whereas the Marshall Plan has been hailed by leaders of World War II allied and enemy countries alike as the most magnanimous act by Americans in history;

Whereas the Marshall Plan made possible new measures of trans-Atlantic cooperation through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other institutions;

Whereas these institutional developments have profoundly enhanced the security, freedom, and prosperity of the United States and the Atlantic Community generally;

Whereas new challenges have arisen which call for recommitment to and reinvigoration of these institutions and for their continued viability;

Whereas creative thought and rededication to the ideals and principles undergirding the Marshall Plan are now necessary in order to assure the preservation and perfection of these institutions; and

Whereas the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Marshall Plan provides a fitting opportunity for rededication of commitments to these institutions: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

2 (1) that magnanimity underlies the Marshall
3 Plan, the dedication to public service and integrity
4 of its author, and the efforts by the Marshall Foun-
5 dation in Lexington, Virginia, the Marshall Inter-
6 national Center in Leesburg, Virginia, and the
7 Friends of Marshall, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, to
8 continue in American life the values for which Gen-
9 eral George Catlett Marshall stood;

10 (2) that all Americans should rededicate them-
11 selves to the ideals of public service, hard work, in-

1 tegrity, and compassion which General Marshall rep-
2 resents to this day in American society; and

3 (3) that the values that inspired the initiation
4 of the Marshall Plan should continue to be cherished
5 by the people of the United States.

6 SEC. 2. It is, further, the sense of the Senate that
7 the President should issue a proclamation designating the
8 month of June 1997 as “George C. Marshall Month” and
9 calling upon the people of the United States to observe
10 George C. Marshall Month with appropriate programs,
11 ceremonies, and activities.

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