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S. CON. RES. 34

Relating to the observance of “In Memory” Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 1999

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relating to the observance of “In Memory” Day.

Whereas many of the individuals who served in the Armed Forces and in civilian roles in Vietnam during the Vietnam War have since died, in part as the result of illnesses and conditions associated with service in Vietnam during that war;

Whereas these men and women, whose ultimate health conditions had a basis in their service in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, sacrificed their lives for their country in a very real sense;

Whereas under criteria established by the Department of Defense, the deaths of these men and women do not qualify as Vietnam War deaths;

Whereas under Department guidelines, these men and women also do not meet the criteria for eligibility to have their

names inscribed on the Memorial Wall of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the District of Columbia;

Whereas “In Memory” Day was established several years ago in order to honor the Americans who gave their lives in service to their country as a result of service in Vietnam but had not otherwise been honored for doing so;

Whereas “In Memory” Day is now a project of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund;

Whereas to date 633 Americans have met the criteria for eligibility to be honored by the “In Memory” Program; and

Whereas the Americans who have been named by the “In Memory” Program are honored each year during a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that “In
 3 Memory” Day should be observed on the third Monday
 4 in April each year, the day on which Patriots Day is also
 5 observed, in honor of the men and women of the United
 6 States whose deaths had a basis in their service in Viet-
 7 nam during the Vietnam War and who are thereby true
 8 examples to the Nation of patriotism and sacrifice.

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