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Expressing the sense of the Senate to designate November 11, 1999, as a special day for recognizing the members of the Armed Forces and the civilian employees of the United States who participated in the recent conflict in Kosovo and the Balkans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 1999

Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. ROBB, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 10, 1999

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate to designate November 11, 1999, as a special day for recognizing the members of the Armed Forces and the civilian employees of the United States who participated in the recent conflict in Kosovo and the Balkans.

Whereas approximately 39,000 members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the United States were deployed at the peak of the 1999 conflict in Kosovo;

Whereas approximately 700 United States aircraft were deployed and committed to combat missions during that conflict;

Whereas approximately 37,000 combat sorties were flown by aircraft of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) during that conflict;

Whereas approximately 25,000 combat sorties were flown by United States aircraft during that conflict;

Whereas more than 5,000 weapons strike missions were completed during that conflict;

Whereas that conflict was the largest combat operation in the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

Whereas the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization achieved all the military objectives of that conflict;

Whereas there were no United States or North Atlantic Treaty Organization combat fatalities during that conflict; and

Whereas that conflict was the most precise air assault in history: Now, therefore, be it

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

2 (1) to designate November 11, 1999, as a special day for recognizing and welcoming home the
3 members of the Armed Forces (including active component and reserve component personnel), and the
4 civilian personnel of the United States, who participated in the recently-completed operations in Kosovo
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1 and the Balkans, including combat operations and
2 humanitarian assistance operations;

3 (2) to designate November 11, 1999, as a spe-
4 cial day for remembering the members of the Armed
5 Forces deployed in Kosovo and throughout the
6 world, and the families of such members;

7 (3) to make the designations under paragraphs
8 (1) and (2) on November 11, 1999, in light of the
9 traditional celebration and recognition of the vet-
10 erans of the United States on November 11 each
11 year;

12 (4) to acknowledge that the members of the
13 Armed Forces who served in Kosovo and the Bal-
14 kans responded to the call to arms during a time of
15 change in world history;

16 (5) to recognize that we live in times of inter-
17 national unrest and that the conflict in Kosovo was
18 a dangerous military operation, as all combat oper-
19 ations are; and

20 (6) to acknowledge that the United States owes
21 a debt of gratitude to the members of the Armed
22 Forces who served in the conflict in Kosovo, to their
23 families, and to all the members of the Armed

- 1 Forces who place themselves in harm's way each and
- 2 every day.

