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2D SESSION

S. RES. 244

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey on January 19, 2000.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2000

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

RESOLUTION

Expressing sympathy for the victims of the tragic fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey on January 19, 2000.

Whereas at approximately 4:30 a.m. on January 19, 2000, a fire broke out in the commons area on the third floor of Boland Hall, a six story residence hall housing 600 students at Seton Hall University, and this fire took the lives of three students—Frank S. Caltabilota of West Long Branch, New Jersey, John N. Giunta of Vineland, New Jersey, and Aaron C. Karol of Green Brook, New Jersey, and, in addition, 58 persons were injured, including 54 students, two South Orange firefighters, and two South Orange police officers;

Whereas numerous Seton Hall students risked their own lives as the fire broke out to save the lives of their fellow dormitory residents;

Whereas firefighters, paramedics, police officers, and other emergency personnel from the surrounding communities worked bravely into the early morning darkness to reduce casualties and extinguish the fire; and

Whereas the entire Seton Hall University community has banded together in grief to remember the fallen students, and numerous people outside the university recognize the enormity of this tragedy and the need to do everything possible to keep it from happening again since every student should be able to pursue an education in a safe, secure environment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its sympathy to the families and
3 friends of Frank S. Caltabilota, John N. Giunta,
4 and Aaron C. Karol on the occasion of the funeral
5 service on January 25, 2000;

6 (2) expresses its hope for a speedy recovery to
7 those students, firefighters, and police officers in-
8 jured in the fire;

9 (3) expresses its support for all of the students,
10 faculty, and staff at Seton Hall University as they
11 heal from this tragedy;

12 (4) expresses its support and thanks to the
13 brave firefighters, paramedics, police, and other
14 emergency workers who saved numerous lives; and

1 (5) pledges to ensure that Federal, State, and
2 local government entities work together to prevent a
3 tragedy like this from occurring again, so that our
4 Nation's college students can live, work, and study
5 in the safest possible environment.

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