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S. RES. 311

To express the sense of the Senate regarding Federal procurement opportunities for women-owned small businesses.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BURNS, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY and Mr. HARKIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate regarding Federal procurement opportunities for women-owned small businesses.

Whereas women-owned small businesses are the fastest growing segment of the business community in the United States;

Whereas women-owned small businesses will make up more than one-half of all business in the United States by the year 2010;

Whereas in 1994, the Congress enacted the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, establishing a Government-wide goal for small businesses owned and controlled by women of not less than 5 percent of the total dollar

value of all prime contracts and subcontract awards for each fiscal year;

Whereas the Congress intended that the departments and agencies of the Federal Government make a concerted effort to move toward that goal;

Whereas in fiscal year 1999, the departments and agencies of the Federal Government awarded prime contracts totaling 2.4 percent of the total dollar value of all prime contracts; and

Whereas in each fiscal year since enactment of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, the Federal departments and agencies have failed to reach the 5 percent procurement goal for women-owned small businesses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate strongly urges the President to
3 adopt a policy in support of the 5 percent procure-
4 ment goal for women-owned small businesses, and to
5 encourage the heads of the Federal departments and
6 agencies to undertake a concerted effort to meet the
7 5 percent goal before the end of fiscal year 2000;
8 and

9 (2) the President should hold the heads of the
10 Federal departments and agencies accountable to en-
11 sure that the 5 percent goal is achieved during fiscal
12 year 2000.

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