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Designating October 30, 2001, as “National Weatherization Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Designating October 30, 2001, as “National Weatherization Day”.

Whereas the average family in the United States spends more than \$1,300 annually on utility bills;

Whereas that figure represents nearly 15 percent of a low-income family’s income and could approach 18 percent as fuel costs steadily rise;

Whereas the Weatherization Assistance Program (referred to in this resolution as the “Program”), by using Federal, State, local, and private dollars, benefits households and communities across the Nation by providing cost-effective, energy-efficient retrofits to homes occupied by low-income families;

Whereas the average energy cost savings for each home that is weatherized is more than \$250 annually, allowing fam-

ilies to spend the saved money on groceries, doctor bills, prescriptions, and other needs, thereby making them more self-sufficient;

Whereas carbon dioxide emissions are reduced by an average of 1 ton per weatherized household, reducing pollution levels in our air;

Whereas 52 jobs are created within the Nation's communities for each \$1,000,000 invested in weatherization;

Whereas for every \$1 invested by the Department of Energy in the Program, another \$3.39 is leveraged from other sources;

Whereas the Program works with public and private partners to help reduce the energy burden of the Nation's low-income families and promote the benefits of weatherization to all people in the Nation;

Whereas people across the Nation should become more aware of the importance of energy conservation, pollution reduction, and safer homes; and

Whereas a concerted public information campaign will help get the weatherization message to the people in our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*,

2 **SECTION 1. NATIONAL RESPONSE TO WEATHERIZATION.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION.—The Senate—

4 (1) designates October 30, 2001, as “National
5 Weatherization Day”;

6 (2) encourages families to learn about the bene-
7 fits of weatherizing their homes, including energy

1 conservation, money savings, and safer homes for
2 their children; and

3 (3) encourages community action and service
4 agencies, Federal, State, and local government agen-
5 cies, and private sector partners to work together to
6 promote the positive aspects of weatherizing our Na-
7 tion's housing stock.

8 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests that the
9 President issue a proclamation calling upon the Federal,
10 State, local, and private sector leaders of our Nation to
11 observe and promote National Weatherization Day with
12 appropriate partnerships, activities, and ceremonies.

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