S. RES. 259

Designating May 2002 as "Older Americans Month".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 1, 2002

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

RESOLUTION

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Whereas older Americans are the foundation of our Nation;

- Whereas the freedom and security our Nation now enjoys can be attributed to the service, hard work, and sacrifices of older Americans;
- Whereas older Americans continue making significant contributions to our communities, workplaces, and homes by giving freely of themselves and by sharing their wisdom and experience through civic leadership and mentoring;
- Whereas the older Americans of tomorrow will be more socially, ethnically, and economically diverse than any past generation, which will impact upon our Nation's ideas of work, retirement and leisure, alter our housing and living arrangements, challenge our health care systems, and reshape our economy;

Whereas the opportunities and challenges that await our Nation require our Nation to continue to commit to the goal of ensuring that older Americans enjoy active, productive, and healthy lives, and do so independently, safely, and with dignity; and

Whereas it is appropriate for our Nation to continue the tradition of designating the month of May as a time to celebrate the contributions of older Americans and to rededicate our efforts to respect and better serve older Americans: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate—

- 2 (1) designates May 2002 as "Older Americans 3 Month"; and
- 4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
- 5 mation calling upon the people of the United States
- 6 to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies
- 7 and activities that promote acknowledgment, grati-
- 8 tude, and respect for older Americans.

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