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To express the sense of the Senate recognizing the important role played by the Small Business Administration on behalf of the United States small business community.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BURNS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. EDWARDS, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate recognizing the important role played by the Small Business Administration on behalf of the United States small business community.

Whereas small businesses comprise 99 percent of all firms in the United States;

Whereas small businesses offer a significant number of job opportunities, with 52 percent of all private sector workers employed by small businesses;

Whereas small businesses contribute to the economic well-being of the Nation by providing 51 percent of the private sector output;

Whereas small businesses represent 96 percent of all exporters of goods; and

Whereas the Congress established the Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small business concerns in order to preserve free competitive enterprise, to ensure that a fair proportion of the total purchases and contracts or subcontracts for property and services for the Federal Government be placed with small business enterprises, to ensure that a fair proportion of the total sales of Government property be made to such enterprises, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy for the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Small Business Administration should
3 continue to be the leading advocate in the Federal
4 Government for small business concerns;

5 (2) the Senate strongly urges the President to
6 strengthen and expand assistance to small business
7 concerns through Federal Government programs to
8 ensure that—

9 (A) a growing number of small business
10 concerns receive contracts for goods and serv-
11 ices from the Federal Government;

12 (B) the Federal Government undertakes
13 steps to increase the number of opportunities
14 provided to women-owned and minority-owned
15 small business concerns for contracting with the

1 Federal Government for the provision of goods
2 and services;

3 (C) guaranteed loans, including microloans
4 and microloan technical assistance for start-up
5 and growing small business concerns, and ven-
6 ture capital are made available to all qualified
7 small business concerns;

8 (D) special programs are implemented in
9 economically distressed urban and rural areas
10 in order to create new business opportunities
11 for small business concerns that will create
12 meaningful jobs and economic growth; and

13 (E) the management assistance programs
14 delivered by resource partners on behalf of the
15 Small Business Administration, such as the
16 Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
17 and the Small Business Development Center
18 and Women's Business Center programs, are
19 provided with the Federal resources necessary
20 to do their jobs;

21 (3) the Senate strongly urges the President to
22 adopt a policy to achieve the applicable procurement
23 goals for small business concerns, including the
24 goals for women-owned small business concerns,
25 HUBZone small business concerns, socially and eco-

1 nominically disadvantaged small business concerns,
2 and small business concerns owned by service-dis-
3 abled veterans;

4 (4) the President should hold the head of each
5 Federal department and agency accountable to en-
6 sure that the small business procurement goals are
7 achieved during the term of his Administration;

8 (5) the President should direct the heads of
9 each Federal department and agency to comply fully
10 with the requirements of the Small Business Regu-
11 latory Enforcement Fairness Act and the Regulatory
12 Flexibility Act; and

13 (6) the Administrator of the Small Business
14 Administration should have an active role as a mem-
15 ber of the President's Cabinet and the Domestic and
16 National Economic Policy Councils.

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