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Remembering and honoring the victims of the bus crash near Carrollton,
Kentucky, fifteen years ago on May 14, 1988.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 14, 2003

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Remembering and honoring the victims of the bus crash
near Carrollton, Kentucky, fifteen years ago on May
14, 1988.

Whereas a school bus full of children, teens and chaperones
was traveling down Interstate 71 to Radcliff, Kentucky,
following a church outing at a Cincinnati, Ohio amuse-
ment park;

Whereas a drunk driver, with blood alcohol concentration lev-
els at .24 percent, much higher than the legal limit, was
traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Inter-
state 71 in his pickup truck;

Whereas the National Transportation Safety Board found the
drunk driver slammed into the bus head on, causing a
collision sequence which resulted in the bus bursting into
flames;

Whereas, 24 children and three adults perished in this tragedy;

Whereas, thirty-four other people suffered injuries, some critical, in the crash and resulting fire;

Whereas, the pickup driver was found to be a repeat drunk-driving offender and substantially over the legal blood alcohol concentration limit to operate a vehicle;

Whereas the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has found that alcohol-related traffic deaths have increased for the third consecutive year in a row; and

Whereas the strength and determination of the survivors and of the relatives of the victims to this crash serve as an inspiration for all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That that on this day, May 14, 2003, the
- 2 Unites States Senate remembers and honors the victims
- 3 and their families on this 15th anniversary of the deadliest
- 4 drunk driving crash in United States history.

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