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S. RES. 301

Honoring the 30th anniversary of Congressman John Murtha's service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Honoring the 30th anniversary of Congressman John
Murtha's service.

Whereas John “Jack” Murtha, during 5 decades of service
to our Nation, has been an exemplar of dedication, drive,
sacrifice, and patriotism;

Whereas John Murtha left Washington and Jefferson College
after only 1 year of study to join the Marine Corps dur-
ing the Korean War out of a sense of obligation to his
country;

Whereas John Murtha ran a small business in Johnstown,
Pennsylvania, while starting a family with his wife,
Joyce, and attending the University of Pittsburgh on the
GI Bill;

Whereas he volunteered in Vietnam in 1966–67, already in
his mid-30s;

Whereas in 1974, he became the first combat Vietnam veteran elected to Congress, representing the 12th Congressional District of Pennsylvania;

Whereas he continuously works to attract and keep jobs in and around his District and to develop essential sewer, water, and transportation infrastructure;

Whereas in his position as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, he is a national leader on defense, health care, and social issues and uses his position to benefit Pennsylvania, the region, and the people;

Whereas he founded the House Steel Caucus and regularly defends our steel industry from unfair imports; and

Whereas he has been one of the strongest advocates for children, seniors, and veterans: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. CONGRATULATION AND COMMENDATION.**

3 The Senate—

4 (1) honors the lifelong commitment of John
5 Murtha to the ideals of our Nation;

6 (2) recognizes John Murtha's exceptional dedi-
7 cation to his constituents, to the State of Pennsyl-
8 vania, and to the United States; and

9 (3) congratulates John Murtha on 30 years of
10 superior service in the United States Congress.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSMISSION OF ENROLLED RESOLUTION.**

2 The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an en-
3 rolled copy of this resolution to Congressman John Mur-
4 tha.

