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Commending the Library of Congress's private-sector advisory body, the James Madison Council, and its Founding Chairman, John W. Kluge, on 15 years of exemplary service to Congress and the Nation and looking forward to the Council's continued success in the years ahead.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. STEVENS submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the Library of Congress's private-sector advisory body, the James Madison Council, and its Founding Chairman, John W. Kluge, on 15 years of exemplary service to Congress and the Nation and looking forward to the Council's continued success in the years ahead.

Whereas the James Madison Council, the Library of Congress's first-ever national advisory and support group in the 205-year history of the Library of Congress is celebrating its 15th year under the continuing strong leadership of its Founding Chairman John W. Kluge;

Whereas the James Madison Council remains a loyal group of friends whose vision and generosity have made possible many new initiatives within America's oldest Federal cultural institution;

Whereas John Kluge has energized this group of dedicated and generous individuals from the private-sector to help this unique institution that was created by Congress to make added contributions for the good of the Nation;

Whereas John Kluge's example and leadership has benefitted not only the Library of Congress and Congress, but also scholars, researchers, and lifelong learners everywhere, and has created a new international award at the highest level for lifetime achievement in the study of humanity;

Whereas building on John Kluge's generosity, the James Madison Council has strengthened and enriched the world of scholarship in Washington, District of Columbia, and provided new on-line educational material for the classrooms of the Nation and the world;

Whereas the members of the James Madison Council have added a significant number of rare and historic materials of major importance to the national collection of the Library of Congress, such as the 1507 Waldseemüller map of the world, which was the first map to include America, made possible by members John Hendricks, Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest, and David Koch, the restoration of Thomas Jefferson's original library, which is the cornerstone of the Library's collections, thanks to Jerry Jones, a major private collection from members Jean and Jay I. Kislak, which documents the encounter between European explorers and the indigenous peoples of North America and, thanks to Jon and Lillian Lovelace, the Alan Lomax collection, which is the largest collection of ethnographic material ever assembled by one person; and

Whereas led by John Kluge, the James Madison Council has furthered the programs of the Librarian of Congress, James H. Billington, such as the National Digital Li-

brary, which provides free internet access to 10,000,000 of the most historically important and educationally valuable primary materials in the Library's collection, the National Book Festival, which celebrates the joys of reading, and the Library's Bicentennial celebration in the year 2000: Now, therefore, be it

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