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Thanking Joyce Rechtschaffen for her service to the Senate and to the
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

Thanking Joyce Rechtschaffen for her service to the Senate
and to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Whereas Joyce Rechtschaffen, an accomplished environmental lawyer, joined the staff of Senator Joseph I. Lieberman upon his entry into the Senate in 1989 and served as his legislative assistant and counsel for environmental issues for almost 10 years;

Whereas, during her tenure in Senator Lieberman's office, Joyce Rechtschaffen contributed greatly to the protection of the Nation's environment, most significantly through important contributions to the landmark Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, ceaseless efforts to protect the

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and innovative proposals to stem the harmful effects of greenhouse gasses;

Whereas, in 1999, upon Senator Lieberman becoming the Ranking Member on the committee known at the time as the Committee on Governmental Affairs, Joyce Rechtschaffen took on the new challenge of serving as Democratic Staff Director of that committee;

Whereas during her more than 7 years in that position, Joyce Rechtschaffen worked tirelessly to advance the work of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, and its current successor, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and of the Nation;

Whereas Joyce Rechtschaffen has played a leading role in every accomplishment of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs since 1999, from the 2002 creation of the Department of Homeland Security, to the establishment of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (commonly known as the “9/11 Commission”) that same year, to the 2004 reorganization of the United States intelligence community, and to the 2006 investigation into the governmental response to Hurricane Katrina, among many other accomplishments;

Whereas Joyce Rechtschaffen has shown the same focus and dedication to all of the work of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs no matter how significant the issue at hand;

Whereas Joyce Rechtschaffen has been a model manager, staffer, employee, and colleague to all who have worked with her;

Whereas Joyce Rechtschaffen has worked tirelessly and selflessly for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and its predecessor, the Committee on Governmental Affairs, these past 7 years, often at great personal sacrifice; and

Whereas Joyce Rechtschaffen has been a model of integrity, intelligence, compassion, and commitment to building a better United States and has shown herself to be the very best and brightest of both civil and Congressional service: Now therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Committee on Homeland Security
 2 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate thanks Joyce
 3 Rechtschaffen for her years of work for and dedication to
 4 the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
 5 Affairs and wishes her every success in her future endeavors.
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