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Recognizing and honoring the life of Arthur Miller.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the life of Arthur Miller.

Whereas the late Arthur Miller wrote some of the most revered works in the American dramatic canon including *All My Sons*, *After the Fall*, *The Crucible*, *The Price*, *The American Clock*, *A View from the Bridge*, *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan*, and *Death of A Salesman*;

Whereas Arthur Miller received the highest honors for artistic accomplishment and distinguished intellectual achievement in the humanities in this country, the Kennedy Center Honors and the National Endowment for the Humanities' Jefferson Lectureship;

Whereas Arthur Miller received every major award given to playwrights in the United States, including the Pulitzer Prize, the Tony Award, the Drama Desk, and the Drama Critics Circle;

Whereas Arthur Miller, through his service to the Dramatists Guild of America, has fought for the freedom of American playwrights to have their works performed as they intended and given all the protection the law can afford them;

Whereas Arthur Miller, through his service to PEN, the association of Poets, Essayists and Novelists, has fought for the freedom of imprisoned writers all over the world;

Whereas Arthur Miller's plays are taught in virtually every high school and college in the United States, and his new plays have been produced on Broadway for more than half a century;

Whereas Arthur Miller wrote about the lives and longings of American working men and women with a power and clarity unparalleled in modern literature;

Whereas Arthur Miller, in writing about "little men" as his heroes were called in the beginning, proved that little men do indeed suffer tragic losses, and that to defend or regain their dignity, they will lay down their lives as nobly as any king ever did;

Whereas Arthur Miller wrote about our indestructible will to achieve our humanity, about our fear of being torn away from what and who we are in this world, and about our fear of being displaced and forgotten;

Whereas Arthur Miller has maintained his vision and claimed his victory as the preeminent man of letters in the American theater; and

Whereas Arthur Miller enjoyed a long and luminous career before he died at the age of 89 on February 10, 2005, Now, therefore, be it:

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) recognizes the extraordinary contributions
2 of the late Arthur Miller for his service to the Na-
3 tion in the theater, in literature, and in his advocacy
4 of the freedom to speak and write with conviction
5 and courage;

6 (2) honors him as a great American literary
7 pioneer; and

8 (3) expresses its deepest condolences upon his
9 death to his family members and his friends.

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