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Commending the national explosives detection canine team program for 35 years of service to the safety and security of the transportation systems within the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Commending the national explosives detection canine team program for 35 years of service to the safety and security of the transportation systems within the United States.

Whereas the national explosives detection canine team program was created as a result of a bomb being placed on a Trans World Airlines jet bound for Los Angeles from John F. Kennedy International Airport on March 9, 1972;

Whereas Brandy, a bomb sniffing dog assigned to the New York City Police Department, searched the plane and found the explosive device just 12 minutes before it was set to detonate;

Whereas President Richard Nixon directed the Secretary of Transportation to use innovative means to combat the problems plaguing civil aviation;

Whereas the Federal Aviation Administration canine explosives detection team program was created to deter and detect the introduction of explosive devices into the national transportation system;

Whereas the national explosives detection program provides premier explosives detection canine team capabilities, through partnerships established with State and local law enforcement agencies;

Whereas the national explosives detection canine team program has expanded significantly over recent years as a result of recommendations by the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security, the Security Baseline Working Group of the Aviation Security Advisory Committee, the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the targeted bombings of mass transit systems in London, India, and Madrid;

Whereas the national explosives detection canine team program has grown from 40 teams at 20 airports to over 425 teams at over 75 airports and 13 mass transit systems;

Whereas the national explosives detection canine team program has deployed highly trained explosives detection canine teams as a proven deterrent to terrorism directed towards transportation systems;

Whereas the national explosives detection canine team program provides a timely and mobile response support to facilities, rail stations, airports, aircraft, passenger terminals, seaports, and surface carriers;

Whereas the transportation systems of the United States have benefited greatly from the partnership that exists between the national explosives detection canine team program and State and local law enforcement agencies and key industry stakeholders;

Whereas the operations branch of the national explosives detection canine team program is responsible for day-to-day operational issues for operations at specified transportation systems;

Whereas the canine training and evaluation branch of the national explosives detection canine team program is responsible for the procurement, training, and evaluation of assigned handlers and canines attending the National Explosives Detection Canine Training Facility, at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas; and

Whereas the explosives branch of the national explosives detection canine team program is responsible for explosive training and procurement, preparation, and distribution and associated explosives training and related issues: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the national explosives detection ca-
- 2 nine team program be commended for 35 years of service
- 3 and dedication to the safety and security of the citizens
- 4 of the United States.

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