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Honoring the life of Ruth Bell Graham.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 22, 2007

Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. McCONNELL)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Ruth Bell Graham.

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham was born on June 10, 1920 in Qingjiang, China, the daughter of Presbyterian medical missionaries;

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham returned to the United States to attend Wheaton College, where she met and fell in love with her future husband, Billy Graham, who would become one of the most acclaimed evangelists in the world;

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham married Billy Graham on August 13, 1943 at Montreat Presbyterian Church in her beloved Western North Carolina;

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham was the devoted mother of five children (Virginia, Anne, Ruth, Franklin, and Nelson Edman) and the grandmother of 19 grandchildren;

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham was a renowned author and poet who penned 14 books that have moved and inspired people around the globe;

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham and Billy Graham were recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal in 1996 for their “outstanding and lasting contributions to morality, racial equality, family, philanthropy, and religion”; and

Whereas Ruth Bell Graham touched countless lives worldwide by sharing her tremendous faith, her deep compassion for the less fortunate, her great talents and her lighthearted wit: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life, work, and
 2 legacy of Ruth Bell Graham, a loyal companion who
 3 shined with grace and courage beside her husband Billy
 4 Graham, and a dedicated mother who fostered individ-
 5 uality and humility in her five children.

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