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Recognizing the 218th anniversary of the United States Marshals Service.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 218th anniversary of the United States
Marshals Service.

Whereas the United States Marshals Service was formed as a result of the Judiciary Act of September 24, 1789, and the first 13 United States Marshals were appointed by President George Washington with their primary mission being to support the Federal courts;

Whereas, in the early years, United States Marshals and Deputy United States Marshals executed warrants, distributed presidential proclamations, protected the president, registered enemy aliens in time of war, pursued counterfeiters, and helped conduct the national census, and later maintained law and order in the “Wild West”, helped contain the uprising at Wounded Knee, kept the trains rolling during the Pullman Strike in 1894, and enforced the 18th Amendment during Prohibition;

Whereas, on November 14, 1960, 4 Deputy United States Marshals accompanied 6-year-old Ruby Bridges to her elementary school after a Federal judge ordered the desegregation of the New Orleans public school system, and, in 1962, when James Meredith sought to legally become the first Black person to attend the University of Mississippi, the duty of upholding the Federal law allowing him to do so fell upon the shoulders of 127 Deputy Marshals from all over the country who risked their lives to make his dream a reality;

Whereas Deputy United States Marshals assisted in restoring order after the Los Angeles riots in 1992, provided security to 18 airports in the hours and days following the attacks on September 11, 2001, played an instrumental role in the “DC Sniper” investigation, were deployed to the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina, and provided security for the trials of Oklahoma bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh and Al-Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui;

Whereas, in August 2007, Deputy Marshals participated in the manhunt for fugitive Paul Devoe who was wanted for 5 murders in Texas and another in Pennsylvania, and who was apprehended in Shirley, New York, by the United States Marshals Service’s New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force;

Whereas, over the past 218 years, the Marshals Service has grown and evolved into a modern law enforcement agency, still charged with protecting the Federal judiciary, but also with apprehending dangerous fugitives, conducting protective operations, ensuring the security of witnesses and their families, providing for the custody and transportation of Federal prisoners, managing the

Federal Government's seized asset program, and conducting special operations as required by the Attorney General, and no other law enforcement agency has as many diverse missions and is as versatile;

Whereas over 200 United States Marshals, Deputy Marshals, and Special Deputy Marshals have given their lives in service to their Nation; and

Whereas, as the times have changed, the missions of the United States Marshals have changed, but the Marshals Service has answered the call to duty without exception: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the 5,000 members of the United
3 States Marshals Service who every day carry out
4 complex and life-threatening missions with integrity,
5 skill, and valor on behalf of their Nation;

6 (2) commends United States Marshals Service
7 Director John Clark for his service and leadership;
8 and

9 (3) thanks the United States Marshals Service
10 for its contributions as the agency celebrates its
11 218th anniversary.

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