111TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. RES. 455

Honoring the life, heroism, and service of Harriet Tubman.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

March 15, 2010

Mrs. Boxer (for herself, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Specter, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Schumer, Mrs. Gillibrand, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Cardin, and Mr. Levin) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life, heroism, and service of Harriet Tubman.

- Whereas Harriet Ross Tubman was born into slavery as Araminta Ross in Dorchester County, Maryland, in or around 1820;
- Whereas in 1849, Ms. Tubman bravely escaped to freedom, traveling alone for approximately 90 miles to Pennsylvania;
- Whereas, after escaping slavery, Ms. Tubman participated in the Underground Railroad, a network of routes, people, and houses that helped slaves escape to freedom;
- Whereas Ms. Tubman became a "conductor" on the Underground Railroad, courageously leading approximately 19 expeditions to help more than 300 slaves to freedom;

- Whereas Ms. Tubman served as a spy, nurse, scout, and cook during the Civil War;
- Whereas during her service in the Civil War, Ms. Tubman became the first woman in the United States to plan and lead a military expedition, which resulted in successfully freeing more than 700 slaves;
- Whereas after the Civil War, Ms. Tubman continued to fight for justice and equality, including equal rights for African-Americans and women;
- Whereas Ms. Tubman died on March 10, 1913, in Auburn, New York; and
- Whereas the heroic life of Ms. Tubman continues to serve as an inspiration to the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 Resolved, That the Senate—
- 2 (1) honors the life and courageous heroism of
- 3 Harriet Tubman;
- 4 (2) recognizes the great contributions made by
- 5 Harriet Tubman throughout her lifelong service and
- 6 commitment to liberty, justice, and equality for all;
- 7 and
- 8 (3) encourages the people of the United States
- 9 to remember the courageous life of Harriet Tubman,
- a true hero.