

111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 611

Congratulating the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club on the 48th anniversary
of the running of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2010

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 19, 2010

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Cumberland Valley Athletic Club on the
48th anniversary of the running of the JFK 50-Mile
Ultra-Marathon.

Whereas President John F. Kennedy set as a national goal
the improvement of the health of the members of the
United States Armed Forces;

Whereas President Kennedy, in 1963, issued an Executive
order challenging United States Marine officers to finish
a 50-mile race in 20 hours, matching a similar challenge
issued in 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt;

Whereas, since that Executive order, thousands of Americans, not just servicemen and women, have taken up the challenge of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon;

Whereas, since the inception of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon, all members of the Armed Services have been invited to meet the challenge set by Presidents Kennedy and Roosevelt over an historic race course;

Whereas between 30 and 40 percent of participants in the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon each year are active duty military or veterans;

Whereas each of the branches of the United States Armed Forces fields at least 1 team each year in the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon, and the Navy typically fields several teams;

Whereas much of the course of the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon is located on Federal land, including the historic C&O Canal, the Appalachian Trail, and Antietam Battlefield;

Whereas the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon includes the War Correspondents Memorial Arch, a national monument located in Gathland State Park in the State of Maryland; and

Whereas following the assassination of President Kennedy, the first JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon was organized as a way to honor President Kennedy, and has been held annually, rain or shine, ever since: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends and congratulates the past,
3 present, and future participants and organizers of
4 the JFK 50-Mile Ultra-Marathon; and

1 (2) requests the Secretary of the Senate to
2 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
3 Cumberland Valley Athletic Club as an expression of
4 the best wishes of the Senate for a glorious year of
5 celebration.

