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To express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of recycling
and the inception of recycling on the National Mall.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Mr. CARPER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate regarding the importance
of recycling and the inception of recycling on the Na-
tional Mall.

Whereas, since 1997, communities across the United States
have come together each year to celebrate and observe
America Recycles Day on November 15th;

Whereas America Recycles Day, which is managed by the
nonprofit organization Keep America Beautiful, is the
only nationally recognized day dedicated solely to the pro-
motion of recycling in the United States;

Whereas recycling is important to the sustainability of re-
sources of the United States;

Whereas Americans throw away enough aluminum cans every month to rebuild the entire commercial air fleet of the United States;

Whereas the United States should encourage the establishment of recycling programs and services;

Whereas the National Mall is one of the most recognized and popular national parks in the United States and, as such, can serve as a model for recycling in parks and public places across the United States;

Whereas a study conducted in 2010 assessed that of the 1,200 tons of waste collected annually on the National Mall, about half is recyclable;

Whereas the National Park Service oversees activities on the National Mall and recognized a need to be a leader in encouraging recycling in our Nation's capital;

Whereas the National Park Foundation is the charitable partner of the National Park Service and administers programs to fund park conservation and restoration efforts, foster youth engagement, promote citizenship, and preserve history;

Whereas the Trust for the National Mall is a nonprofit organization started to help beautify and refurbish the facilities and grounds of the National Mall by raising funds from individuals, groups, and corporations with a common goal of keeping the capital city of the United States beautiful for more than 30,000,000 visitors each year;

Whereas The Coca-Cola Company, a private company, has created a subsidiary company, Coca-Cola Recycling, with the goal of recapturing the equivalent of 100 percent of the packaging placed in the North American marketplace by Coca-Cola products;

Whereas effective public-private partnerships, such as the partnership among the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the Trust for the National Mall, and The Coca-Cola Company, have allowed a comprehensive recycling plan to be implemented on the National Mall; and

Whereas the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the Trust for the National Mall, and The Coca-Cola Company have been working together to install recycling infrastructure on the National Mall since July 2010, allowing the National Park Service to implement a permanent recycling program on the National Mall in November 2010: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the importance of observing
3 America Recycles Day; and

4 (2) commends the National Park Service, the
5 National Park Foundation, the Trust for the Na-
6 tional Mall, and The Coca-Cola Company for—

7 (A) establishing and promoting recycling
8 on the National Mall; and

9 (B) providing an excellent example for gov-
10 ernment agencies and corporate citizens to fol-
11 low in making recycling possible in public places
12 across the United States.

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