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Designating December 10, 2011, as "Wreaths Across America Day".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. Colling (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating December 10, 2011, as "Wreaths Across America Day".

- Whereas 20 years ago, the Wreaths Across America project began an annual tradition, during the month of December, of donating, transporting, and placing Maine balsam fir holiday wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery;
- Whereas since that tradition began, through the hard work and generosity of the individuals involved in the Wreaths Across America project, more than 250,000 wreaths have been sent to more than 700 locations, including national cemeteries and veterans memorials in every State and to locations overseas;

- Whereas in 2010, wreaths were sent to more than 520 locations across the United States and overseas, 100 more locations than the previous year;
- Whereas in December 2011, the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle and motor vehicle group that is dedicated to patriotic events and includes more than 250,000 members nationwide, will continue their tradition of escorting a tractor-trailer filled with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery;
- Whereas thousands of individuals volunteer each December to escort and lay the wreaths;
- Whereas December 11, 2010, was previously designated by the Senate as "Wreaths Across America Day"; and
- Whereas the Wreaths Across America project will continue its proud legacy on December 10, 2011, bringing 75,000 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery on that day: Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—
- 2 (1) designates December 10, 2011, as "Wreaths
 3 Across America Day";
- 4 (2) honors the Wreaths Across America project,
 5 the Patriot Guard Riders, and all of the volunteers
 6 and donors involved in this worthy tradition; and
- 7 (3) recognizes the sacrifices our veterans, mem8 bers of the Armed Forces, and their families have
 9 made, and continue to make, for our great Nation.