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# S. RES. 456

Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 10, 2012

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HATCH, Mr. COONS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TESTER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.

Whereas the well-being of all citizens of the United States is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel;

Whereas more than 900,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety, presently serve their fellow citizens as guardians of the peace;

Whereas peace officers are on the front lines in protecting the schools and schoolchildren of the United States;

Whereas in 2011, 163 peace officers across the United States were killed in the line of duty;

Whereas Congress should strongly support initiatives to reduce violent crime and to increase the factors that contribute to the safety of law enforcement officers;

Whereas there are more than 19,000 Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty while protecting their fellow citizens, and whose names are engraved upon the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day; and

Whereas on May 15, 2012, more than 20,000 peace officers are expected to gather in Washington, District of Columbia, to join with the families of their recently fallen comrades to honor those comrades and all others who went before them: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2           (1) commemorates and acknowledges the dedi-  
3           cation and sacrifices made by the Federal, State,  
4           and local law enforcement officers who have been  
5           killed or injured in the line of duty;

6           (2) recognizes May 15, 2012, as “National  
7           Peace Officers Memorial Day”; and

1           (3) calls on the people of the United States to  
2       observe that day with appropriate ceremony, solem-  
3       nity, appreciation, and respect.

