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Recognizing the tenth anniversary of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the tenth anniversary of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

Whereas the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Establishment Act (Public Law 106–580; 114 Stat. 3088) was signed into law on December 29, 2000;

Whereas the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (referred to in this preamble as the “Institute”) awarded its first research grants in April 2002;

Whereas the purpose of the Institute, a component of the National Institutes of Health, is to conduct and support research, training, dissemination of health information, and other programs relating to biomedical imaging, biomedical engineering, and associated technologies and modalities with biomedical applications;

Whereas the Institute was established to—

- (1) accelerate the development of new technologies with clinical and research applications;
- (2) improve coordination and efficiency at the National Institutes of Health and throughout the Federal Government;
- (3) lay the foundation for a new medical information age;
- (4) promote economic development; and
- (5) provide a structure for training current and future researchers based on the most recent innovative discoveries;

Whereas the Institute and the biomedical imaging and bio-engineering research communities encourage the integration of the physical and life sciences to advance human health by improving quality of life and reducing the burden of disease through research and discoveries;

Whereas, since its establishment, the Institute has supported research to develop scientific advances in biotechnology, imaging, and biomedical engineering, and to advance the application of biomedical technology to improve detection, treatment, and prevention of disease by assembling diverse teams of scientists and engineers to pursue innovative medical therapies and technologies to better meet the health care needs of patients; and

Whereas the Institute has helped to support scientific breakthroughs in areas such as regenerative medicine, cancer treatments, and nanotechnology, which are helping health care providers to better target care and meet the individual health care needs of patients: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) commends the National Institute of Bio-
2 medical Imaging and Bioengineering for its leader-
3 ship in research and its role in advancing tech-
4 nologies that improve patient health;

5 (2) recognizes the remarkable impact that bio-
6 medical research supported by the National Institute
7 of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering has had
8 on patients; and

9 (3) recognizes the importance of maintaining a
10 strong commitment to pursuing the next generation
11 of life-saving treatments and technologies for pa-
12 tients.

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