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S. 1648

To amend title 36, United States Code, to encourage the nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Memorial Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2013

Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Memorial Day Moment
5 of Silence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

7 (a) TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE.—Chapter 1 of title
8 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new section:

1 **“§ 145. Memorial Day**

2 “The President shall issue each year a proclamation
3 calling on the people of the United States to observe two
4 minutes of silence on Memorial Day in honor of the service
5 and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces throughout
6 the history of the United States, beginning at—

7 “(1) 3:00 p.m. Atlantic standard time;

8 “(2) 3:00 p.m. eastern daylight time;

9 “(3) 2:00 p.m. central daylight time;

10 “(4) 1:00 p.m. mountain daylight time;

11 “(5) 12:00 p.m. mountain standard time for
12 states that do not observe daylight saving time;

13 “(6) 12:00 p.m. Pacific daylight time;

14 “(7) 11:00 a.m. Alaska daylight time;

15 “(8) 10:00 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian daylight time;

16 and

17 “(9) 9:00 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian standard time
18 for areas that do not observe daylight saving time.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
20 for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended
21 by adding at the end the following new item:

“145. Memorial Day.”.

