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Expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that Defense laboratories have been, and continue to be, on the cutting edge of scientific and technological advancement and supporting the designation of May 14, 2015, as the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”.

Whereas a Defense laboratory is defined as any laboratory, Department of Defense-funded research and development center, or engineering center that is owned by a military service and funded by the Federal Government;

Whereas Defense laboratories should be commended for the unique role the laboratories have played in numerous innovations and advances in the areas of defense and national security;

Whereas technological progress is responsible for up to half the growth of the United States economy and is the principal driving force behind long-term economic growth and increases in the standard of living in the United States;

Whereas defense-supported research and development has led to new products and processes for state-of-the-art military weapons and technology, as well as for the public good;

Whereas Defense laboratories frequently partner with State and local governments and regional organizations to transfer technology to the private sector;

Whereas Defense laboratories are at the forefront of cutting-edge science and technology, earning prestigious national and international awards for research and technology transfer efforts;

Whereas the innovations produced at the Defense laboratories of the United States fuel economic growth by creating new industries, companies, and jobs;

Whereas the work of the Defense laboratories is essential to the continued prosperity of the United States; and

Whereas May 14, 2015, would be an appropriate day to designate as the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of May 14, 2015,
3 as the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day” in
4 recognition of the work and accomplishments of the
5 national network of Defense laboratories;

1 (2) recognizes that supporting research and de-
2 velopment, including federally sponsored work per-
3 formed at the Defense laboratories, is key to main-
4 taining United States innovation and competitive-
5 ness in a global economy;

6 (3) acknowledges that the knowledge base, tech-
7 nologies, and techniques generated in the Defense
8 laboratory system serve as a foundation for the de-
9 fense industrial base;

10 (4) reaffirms the importance of robust invest-
11 ment in Defense laboratories to preserving the tech-
12 nological superiority of the Armed Forces in the
13 21st century; and

14 (5) encourages the Defense laboratories, the ex-
15 ecutive branch agencies, and Congress to hold an
16 outreach event on May 14, 2015, “Department of
17 Defense Laboratory Day”, to raise public awareness
18 of the work of the Defense laboratories.

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