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Commemorating and honoring the actions of President Harry S. Truman and the crews of the Enola Gay and the Bockscar in using the atomic bomb to bring World War II to an end.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ISAKSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commemorating and honoring the actions of President Harry S. Truman and the crews of the Enola Gay and the Bockscar in using the atomic bomb to bring World War II to an end.

Whereas, during World War II, in 1945, war in the Pacific Theater between the United States and Japan had entered its fourth year;

Whereas Allied military commanders were preparing to invade Japan;

Whereas President Harry S. Truman made the tactical decision to use the newly developed atomic bomb against Japan instead of invading Japan;

Whereas, on August 6, 1945, the crew of the Enola Gay, under the command of Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, Jr., dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan; and

Whereas, on August 9, 1945, the crew of the Bockscar, under the command of Major Charles W. Sweeney, dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates and honors the courageous
3 decision of President Harry S. Truman to use atom-
4 ic bombs against Japan to bring an end to World
5 War II; and

6 (2) commemorates and honors the courageous
7 actions by the crews of the Enola Gay and the
8 Bockscar in carrying out missions against Hiro-
9 shima and Nagasaki, respectively, that accomplished
10 tactical terminal objectives and saved a countless
11 number of lives of citizens of the United States.

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