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S. RES. 238

Recognizing the 10th anniversary and honoring the victims of the collapse
of the Interstate 35W Mississippi River bridge.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2017

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

AUGUST 2, 2017

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 10th anniversary and honoring the victims
of the collapse of the Interstate 35W Mississippi River
bridge.

Whereas, on August 1, 2007, the Interstate 35W Mississippi
River bridge (referred to in this preamble as the “I–35W
bridge”) collapsed, killing 13 people and injuring 145
people;

Whereas the I–35W bridge was one of the busiest bridges in
the State of Minnesota, carrying more than 140,000 vehi-
cles each day;

Whereas first responders and commuters collectively re-
sponded quickly and effectively to provide help and en-
sure safety;

Whereas, during the first 2 hours after the I-35W bridge collapsed, the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center received and processed more than 500 calls, 51 of which came directly from the scene of the disaster;

Whereas, after the collapse, there was a bipartisan effort to pass legislation that provided emergency funding to replace the I-35W bridge;

Whereas construction of the Interstate 35W Saint Anthony Falls bridge (referred to in this preamble as the “new I-35W bridge”) to replace the I-35W bridge began on November 1, 2007;

Whereas the new I-35W bridge opened to traffic on September 18, 2008, which was 3 months ahead of schedule;

Whereas residents, businesses, community members, and local government officials contributed to the design of the new I-35W bridge;

Whereas the new I-35W bridge—

- (1) has a 100-year lifespan;
- (2) is 189 feet wide; and
- (3) accommodates 10 lanes of traffic;

Whereas the new I-35W bridge won the America’s Transportation Awards Grand Prize on October 30, 2009; and

Whereas, on September 11, 2009, the new I-35W bridge was named one of the 10 best transportation projects in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

- 2 (1) recognizes the 10th anniversary of the trag-
- 3 ic Interstate 35W Mississippi River bridge collapse;

1 (2) honors the victims of the bridge collapse
2 and their families;

3 (3) commemorates the bravery and commitment
4 of the public safety personnel that effectively re-
5 sponded to the collapse; and

6 (4) acknowledges the successful community-
7 wide effort to design, plan, and construct the Inter-
8 state 35W Saint Anthony Falls bridge.

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