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S. RES. 113

To amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to require that the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States be recited at the commencement of the daily session of the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9, 1999

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself, Mr. McCONNELL, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. HELMS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Flag of the United States of America is our Nation's most revered and preeminent symbol;

Whereas the Flag of the United States of America is recognized and respected throughout the world as a symbol of democracy, freedom, and human rights;

Whereas, in the words of the Chief Justice of the United States, the Flag of the United States of America "in times of national crisis, inspires and motivates the average citizen to make personal sacrifices in order to achieve

societal goals of overriding importance...and serves as a reminder of the paramount importance of pursuing the ideals that characterize our society”;

Whereas the House of Representatives of the United States has opened each of its daily sessions with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America since 1988; and

Whereas opening each of the daily sessions of the Senate of the United States with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States would demonstrate reverence for the Flag and serve as a daily reminder to all Senators of the ideals that it represents: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That paragraph 1(a) of rule IV of the
2 Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting
3 after “prayer by the Chaplain” the following: “and after
4 the Presiding Officer leads the Senate in reciting the
5 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States”.

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