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# S. RES. 336

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the contributions, sacrifices, and distinguished service of Americans exposed to radiation or radioactive materials as a result of service in the Armed Forces.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2000

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the contributions, sacrifices, and distinguished service of Americans exposed to radiation or radioactive materials as a result of service in the Armed Forces.

Whereas the Nation has a responsibility to veterans who are injured, or who incur a disease, while serving in the Armed Forces, including the provision of health care, cash compensation, and other benefits for such disabilities;

Whereas from 1945 to 1963, the United States conducted test explosions of approximately 235 nuclear devices, potentially exposing approximately 220,000 members of the Armed Forces to unknown levels of radiation, and approximately 195,000 members of the Armed Forces have

been identified as participants in the occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, after World War II;

Whereas many of these veterans later claimed that low levels of radiation released during such tests, or exposure to radiation during such occupation, may be a cause of certain medical conditions; and

Whereas Sunday, July 16, 2000, is the 55th anniversary of the first nuclear explosion, the Trinity Shot in New Mexico: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) July 16, 2000, should be designated as a  
3       “National Day of Remembrance” in order to honor  
4       veterans exposed to radiation or radioactive mate-  
5       rials during service in the Armed Forces; and

6               (2) the contributions, sacrifices, and distin-  
7       guished service on behalf of the United States of the  
8       Americans exposed to radiation or radioactive mate-  
9       rials while serving in the Armed Forces are worthy  
10      of solemn recognition.

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