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Designating the year of 1999 as “The Year of Safe Drinking Water” and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 21, 1999

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the year of 1999 as “The Year of Safe Drinking Water” and commemorating the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Whereas clean and safe drinking water is essential to every American;

Whereas the health, comfort, and standard of living of all people in this Nation depends upon a sufficient supply of safe drinking water;

Whereas behind every drop of clean water are the combined efforts of thousands of water plant operators, engineers, scientists, public and environmental advocacy groups, legislators, and regulatory officials;

Whereas public health protection took an historic leap when society began treating water to remove disease-causing organisms;

Whereas over 180,000 individual water systems in the United States serve over 250,000,000 Americans;

Whereas the Safe Drinking Water Act is one of the most significant legislative landmarks in 20th century public health protection;

Whereas the enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act on December 16, 1974, enabled the United States to take great strides toward the protection of public health by treating and monitoring drinking water, protecting sources of drinking water, and providing consumers with more information regarding their drinking water;

Whereas Americans rightfully expect to drink the best water possible, and expect advances in the public health sciences, water treatment methods, and the identification of potential contaminants; and

Whereas the continued high quality of drinking water in this country depends upon advancing drinking water research, vigilantly monitoring current operations, increasing citizen understanding, investing in infrastructure, and protecting sources of drinking water: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the year of 1999 as “The Year
3 of Safe Drinking Water”;

4 (2) commemorates the 25th anniversary of the
5 enactment of the Safe Drinking Water Act; and

1 (3) requests that the President issue a procla-
2 mation calling upon the people of the United States
3 to observe the year with appropriate programs that
4 enhance public awareness of—

5 (A) drinking water issues;

6 (B) the advancements made by the United
7 States in the quality of drinking water during
8 the past 25 years; and

9 (C) the challenges that lie ahead in further
10 protecting public health.

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