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Honoring the United States Capitol Police for their commitment to security at the United States Capitol, particularly on and since September 11, 2001.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. REID) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the United States Capitol Police for their commitment to security at the United States Capitol, particularly on and since September 11, 2001.

Whereas the Capitol is an important symbol of freedom and democracy across the United States and throughout the world, and those who safeguard the Capitol safeguard that freedom and democracy;

Whereas millions of people visit the Capitol each year to observe and learn the workings of the democratic process;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police force was created by Congress in 1828 to provide security for the United States Capitol building;

Whereas today the United States Capitol Police provide protection and support services throughout an array of congressional buildings, parks, and thoroughfares;

Whereas the United States Capitol police provide security for Members of Congress, their staffs, other government employees, and many others who live near, work on, and visit Capitol Hill;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police have successfully managed and coordinated major demonstrations, joint sessions of Congress, State of the Union Addresses, State funerals, and inaugurations;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police have bravely faced numerous emergencies, including three bombings and two shootings (the most recent of which in 1998 tragically took the lives of Private First Class Jacob “J.J.” Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson);

Whereas the horrific events of September 11, 2001, have created a uniquely difficult environment, requiring heightened security, and prompting extra alertness and some strain among staff and visitors;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police force has responded to this challenge quickly and courageously, including by facilitating the evacuation of all of the buildings under their purview, as well as the perimeter thereof; and

Whereas the United States Capitol Police Department has since instituted 12-hour, 6-day shifts, requiring that officers work 30 hours of overtime each week to ensure our continued protection: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate, That—*

1 (1) the Senate hereby honors and thanks the
2 United States Capitol Police for their outstanding
3 work and dedication, during a period of heightened
4 security needs on the day of September 11, 2001,
5 and thereafter; and

6 (2) when the Senate adjourns on this date they
7 shall do so knowing that they are protected and se-
8 cure, thanks to the commitment of the United
9 States Capitol Police.

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