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S. RES. 95

Designating August 3, 2001, as “National Court Reporting and Captioning Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BREAUX submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas for millennia, individuals have wanted the spoken word translated into text to record history and to accomplish this task have relied on scribes;

Whereas the profession of scribe was born with the rise of civilization;

Whereas in Ancient Egypt, scribes were considered to be the literate elite, recording laws and other important documents and since that time, have served as impartial witnesses to history;

Whereas scribes were present with our Nation’s founding fathers as the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights were drafted;

Whereas President Lincoln entrusted scribes to record the Emancipation Proclamation;

Whereas since the advent of shorthand machines, these scribes have been known as “court reporters” and have had a permanent place in courtrooms;

Whereas court reporters are present in Congress, preserving Members’ words and actions;

Whereas court reporters are responsible for the closed captioning seen scrolling across television screens, bringing information to more than 28,000,000 hearing impaired Americans every day;

Whereas court reporters and captioners translate the spoken word into text and preserve our history; and

Whereas whether called the scribes of yesterday, court reporters of today, or real time captioners of tomorrow, the individuals that preserve our Nation’s history are truly the guardians of the record: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates August 3, 2001, as “National
3 Court Reporting and Captioning Day”; and

4 (2) requests that the President issue a procla-
5 mation calling on the people of the United States to
6 observe the day with appropriate programs, cere-
7 monies, and activities.

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