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Honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by “Rosie the Riveter”, who served on the homefront during World War II, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. DOLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by “Rosie the Riveter”, who served on the homefront during World War II, and for other purposes.

Whereas during World War II, 6,000,000 women stepped forward to work in homefront industries to produce the ships, planes, tanks, trucks, guns, and ammunition that were crucial to achieving an Allied victory;

Whereas women worked in homefront industries as welders, riveters, engineers, designers, and managers, and held other positions that had traditionally been held by men;

Whereas these women demonstrated great skill and dedication in the difficult and often dangerous jobs they held,

which enabled them to produce urgently needed military equipment at recordbreaking speeds;

Whereas the need for labor in homefront industries during World War II opened new employment opportunities for women from all walks of life and dramatically increased gender and racial integration in the workplace;

Whereas the service of women on the homefront during World War II marked an unprecedented entry of women into jobs that had traditionally been held by men and created a lasting legacy of the ability of women to succeed in those jobs;

Whereas these women devoted their hearts and souls to their work to assure safety and success for their husbands, sons, and other loved ones on the battle front;

Whereas the needs of working mothers resulted in the creation of child care programs, leading to the lasting legacy of public acceptance of early child development and care outside the home;

Whereas the needs of women on the homefront led to employer-sponsored prepaid and preventative health care never before seen in the United States; and

Whereas in 2000, Congress recognized the significance to the Nation of the industrial achievements on the homefront during World War II and the legacy of the women who worked in those industries through the establishment of the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California, as a unit of the National Park System: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

1 (1) honors the extraordinary contributions of
2 the women whose dedicated service on the homefront
3 during World War II was instrumental in achieving
4 an Allied victory;

5 (2) recognizes the lasting legacy of equal em-
6 ployment opportunity and support for child care and
7 health care that developed during the “Rosie the
8 Riveter” era; and

9 (3) calls on the people of the United States to
10 take the opportunity to study, reflect on, and cele-
11 brate the stories and accomplishments of women
12 who served the Nation as “Rosies” during World
13 War II.

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