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Expressing the sense of the Senate in honoring the service of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas during the dark days of World War II, the United States, the world, and the very future of freedom were threatened by nazism, fascism, and tyranny;

Whereas a generation of Americans stepped forward to confront this scourge, accepting the call to duty to fight the Axis Powers, to defend freedom, and to put their lives on the line so that future generations could live in peace and freedom;

Whereas during World War II, the brave men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States fought alongside allies from more than 30 other nations to vanquish the

tyranny and oppression of the Axis Powers on the sea, on the land, and in the air in distant lands in every part of the globe;

Whereas more than 16,000,000 Americans served in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II, hailing from every corner of the United States and its territories;

Whereas more than 671,000 Americans were wounded and over 105,000 Americans were held as prisoners of war in that terrible conflict;

Whereas more than 400,000 members of the Armed Forces of the United States made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to defeat the evils of nazism, fascism, and tyranny, and to preserve the United States and the ideals the people of the United States hold true;

Whereas by the end of World War II, the members of the Armed Forces of the United States had become symbols of hope for the victors, the liberated peoples of the world, and their former adversaries;

Whereas the victory of the Allied Powers in World War II paved the way for the growth of democracy and freedom in the defeated nations of Germany and Japan, and laid the foundation for the West to confront, and eventually defeat, the threat of Communism;

Whereas the people of the United States can never fully express their gratitude to all the members of the Armed Services, including the “Greatest Generation” of World War II, who have dedicated themselves to protecting the people of the United States and to defending the ideals and principles of our great country;

Whereas 114 veterans of World War II have served in the Senate, including 6 who are currently serving: Senator Akaka of Hawaii, Senator Hollings of South Carolina, Senator Inouye of Hawaii, Senator Lautenberg of New Jersey, Senator Stevens of Alaska, and Senator Warner of Virginia; and

Whereas the Senate, on the occasion of the dedication of the World War II Memorial and the 60th Anniversary of the D-day landings in Normandy, France, is proud to honor its Members, past and present, who served in World War II: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) expresses its eternal appreciation for the
3 veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States
4 who fought and toiled to protect the United States
5 and preserve the freedom and way of life of the
6 United States during World War II;

7 (2) honors the brave men and women who made
8 the ultimate sacrifice and gave their lives in defense
9 of liberty and the United States during that global
10 conflict; and

11 (3) proudly commends the 108 former Members
12 and 6 current Members of the Senate who are vet-
13 erans of World War II, including Senator Akaka,
14 Senator Hollings, Senator Inouye, Senator Lauten-
15 berg, Senator Stevens, and Senator Warner, for

- 1 their leadership and service to the United States
- 2 both in war and in peace.

