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S. RES. 153

Expressing the support of Congress for the observation of the National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 pm local time on this and every Memorial Day to acknowledge the sacrifices made on the behalf of all Americans for the cause of liberty.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Americans have been formally recognizing the sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the service of their country since 1868 when General John A. Logan, Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, designated May 30 as Decoration Day;

Whereas those early commemorations encouraged Americans to decorate the graves of war dead with flowers so that, as General Logan stated, “We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance ... Let pleasant paths invite the

coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.”;

Whereas in these times of challenge, when Americans have once again answered the call to defend freedom, it is as important as ever that all Americans take time to honor those brave men and women who throughout our Nation’s history have given their lives in the cause of liberty;

Whereas in 2000, President Clinton signed into law “The National Moment of Remembrance Act” to encourage Americans to pause at 3:00 pm local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in the service of their Nation; and

Whereas the National Moment of Remembrance brings the country together in unity of purpose, to honor the sacrifice of those who have died for their Nation, and to re-dedicate all Americans to the original spirit of Decoration Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) reaffirms its support for the National Mo-
3 ment of Remembrance at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day,
4 created to honor the men and women of the United
5 States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace;
6 and

7 (2) urges the people of the United States to ob-
8 serve the National Moment of Remembrance this
9 Memorial Day so that the sacrifices of those who

1 have died are not forgotten and that, as President
2 Abraham Lincoln said, “The mystic chords of mem-
3 ory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot
4 grave to every living heart ... should swell into a
5 mighty chorus of remembrance, gratitude and re-
6 dedication ...”.

