

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 394

Honoring the life of James L. Buckley, former Senator for the State of
New York.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 3, 2023

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAGERTY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEE, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OSSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROMNEY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of James L. Buckley, former Senator for
the State of New York.

Whereas James L. Buckley—

- (1) was born in Manhattan on March 9, 1923; and
- (2) attended the Millbrook School in Millbrook, New York, Yale University, and graduated from Yale Law School in 1949;

Whereas James L. Buckley served honorably in the United States Navy during World War II from 1942 through 1946;

Whereas James L. Buckley bravely took part in the invasions of Leyte, Lingayen, and Okinawa, achieving the rank of lieutenant;

Whereas James L. Buckley won a victory before the Supreme Court of the United States as the plaintiff in the landmark First Amendment case *Buckley v. Valeo*, 424 U.S. 1 (1976);

Whereas James L. Buckley was elected to the Senate and served as Senator of New York from January 3, 1971, to January 3, 1977;

Whereas James L. Buckley became the first third-party candidate to secure a seat in the Senate since 1940;

Whereas James L. Buckley led the passage of numerous laws throughout his tenure, including—

- (1) section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g, commonly known as the “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974”) that governs the use of student records; and
- (2) section 445 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232h, commonly known as the “Protection of Pupils’ Rights Act”), which requires parent notification, right to review, and consent for the administration of student surveys to minors;

Whereas James L. Buckley expressed his support for a gradual withdrawal from Vietnam and a ban on foreign aid to nations that did not cooperate with the fight of the United States against illegal drugs;

Whereas following his tenure in the Senate, James L. Buckley joined the Reagan administration, first as an Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, managing military aid to strategically located countries, and then as president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich from 1982 to 1985;

Whereas, on October 16, 1985, James L. Buckley was nominated by President Ronald Reagan to a seat on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit;

Whereas James L. Buckley was confirmed by the Senate on December 17, 1985, and received his commission on December 17, 1985;

Whereas James L. Buckley wrote 4 books throughout his career—

(1) “If Men Were Angels: A View From the Senate” (1975);

(2) a memoir, “Gleanings From an Unplanned Life: An Annotated Oral History” (2006);

(3) “Freedom at Risk: Reflections on Politics, Liberty, and the State” (2010); and

(4) “Saving Congress From Itself: Emancipating the States & Empowering Their People” (2014);

Whereas James L. Buckley celebrated his 100th birthday on March 9, 2023; and

Whereas James L. Buckley is survived by—

(1) 6 children, Priscilla, Peter, Jay, William, David,
and Andrew Buckley;

(2) 8 grandchildren; and

(3) 2 great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate—

3 (A) has heard with profound sorrow and
4 deep regret the announcement of the death of
5 James L. Buckley, former member of the Sen-
6 ate; and

7 (B) directs the Secretary of the Senate
8 to—

9 (i) communicate this resolution to the
10 House of Representatives; and

11 (ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this
12 resolution to the family of James L. Buck-
13 ley; and

14 (2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands
15 adjourned as a further mark of respect to the mem-
16 ory of the late James L. Buckley.

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