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S. RES. 655

Honoring the life of Joseph Isadore Lieberman, former Senator for the State of Connecticut.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2024

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. McCONNELL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUDD, Ms. BUTLER, 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, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, 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, 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 Joseph Isadore Lieberman, former Senator for the State of Connecticut.

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman—

- (1) was born in Stamford, Connecticut, in 1942; and
- (2) graduated from Yale University and Yale Law School, in New Haven, Connecticut;

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman was elected as Attorney General for the State of Connecticut in 1982;

Whereas, as Attorney General of Connecticut, Joseph I. Lieberman—

- (1) implemented a reorganization of the office, focusing on constituent service and setting higher standards for the provision of legal assistance to state agencies;

- (2) argued the case of *Estate of Thornton v. Caldor, Inc.*, 472 U.S. 703 (1985), before the Supreme Court of the United States regarding an employee's right not to work on a chosen Sabbath day; and

- (3) fought to expand and enforce consumer and environmental protections;

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman was elected to the United States Senate in 1988, and was reelected in 1994, 2000, and 2006;

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman played a key role in the creation of the Department of Homeland Security and helped to establish the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (commonly known as the 9/11 Commission) following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001;

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman was an early proponent for regulating the realistic depiction of violence in video games, later leading to the creation of the Entertainment Software Rating Board;

Whereas, while serving in the Senate, Joseph I. Lieberman was a strong advocate for the civil and political rights of all citizens, particularly as a leader in the effort to repeal the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy of the Armed Forces;

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman, a firm champion of environmental protections, cosponsored Public Law 101–549 (commonly known as the “Clean Air Act of 1990”) (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), promoted legislation that would give consumers more information about the dangers of pesticides, and was an early supporter of efforts to combat climate change;

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman was the Democratic nominee for Vice President in the 2000 presidential election, being the first Jewish major-party nominee for such a position;

Whereas, after leaving public office, Joseph I. Lieberman continued his work in national security and civil rights advocacy through organizations such as the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council and the Counter Extremism Project; and

Whereas Joseph I. Lieberman is survived by his wife, Hadasah Lieberman, as well as his son, stepson, 2 daughters, 2 sisters, and 13 grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Senate has heard with profound sorrow
3 and deep regret the announcement of the death of
4 Joseph I. Lieberman, former Member of the Senate;

5 (2) the Senate directs the Secretary of the Sen-
6 ate—

1 (A) to communicate this resolution to the
2 House of Representatives; and

3 (B) to transmit an enrolled copy of this
4 resolution to the family of Joseph I. Lieberman;
5 and

6 (3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands
7 adjourned as a further mark of respect to the mem-
8 ory of the late Joseph I. Lieberman.

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