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S. RES. 813

Honoring the life of Steven D. Symms, former United States Senator for
the State of Idaho.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

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

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Steven D. Symms, former United States
Senator for the State of Idaho.

Whereas Steven D. Symms—

(1) was born in Nampa, Idaho, in 1938; and

(2) graduated from the University of Idaho, in Moscow, Idaho, in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture;

Whereas Steven D. Symms served proudly in the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant;

Whereas, after his military service, Steven D. Symms returned to Symms Fruit Ranch to build the family business;

Whereas Steven D. Symms was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1972, and was reelected in 1974, 1976, and 1978;

Whereas Steven D. Symms was elected to the United States Senate in 1980, and was reelected in 1986;

Whereas, during the tenure of Steven D. Symms in the United States Senate, he—

(1) served on the Committee on Finance, the Committee on the Budget, the Committee on Armed Services, the Joint Economic Committee, and chaired the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the Committee on Environment and Public Works

(2) helped shape and enact the 1981 Reagan tax cuts;

(3) worked to enact legislation that enhanced the highway infrastructure system of the United States; and

(4) advanced improvements for Mountain Home Air Force Base, Gowen Field, and the Idaho National Laboratory;

Whereas, after retiring from the United States Senate in 1992, Steven D. Symms worked as a consultant and later joined the partnership of Perry, Romani, DeConcini, and Symms in Washington, D.C., where he was respected by colleagues across the political spectrum;

Whereas Steven D. Symms received the “Iron Mike” award from the United States Marine Corps League for his contributions to the United States and the Marine Corps;

Whereas Steven D. Symms received the Idaho Statesman of the Year Award from Idaho State University, recognizing his steady leadership in political circles;

Whereas Steven D. Symms worked across the aisle for the betterment of Idaho and our country, as he bravely defended our freedoms;

Whereas Steven D. Symms was predeceased by his—

- (1) wife, Loretta Fuller Symms;
- (2) former wife, Frances Stockdale Symms;
- (3) son, Daniel Thomas Symms;
- (4) brother, R.A. “Dick” Symms; and
- (5) his sister, Shirley Maggard Ickes; and

Whereas Steven D. Symms is survived by his—

- (1) sister, Ginger Kleweno (Gilbert);
- (2) sister-in-law, Nancy Symms;
- (3) cousins Jim and Kathy Mertz and Roger and Jan Bacon;
- (4) daughters Susan Stauffer (Darris), Amy Crabtree (Charles), and Katy Senkus (Stephen);
- (5) stepchildren Vickie Fuller (Jeff), Jodi Fuller (Diane), Brad Fuller (Jeffrey); and
- (6) many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews: 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 Steven D. Symms, former Member of the Senate;

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

7 (A) communicate this resolution to the
8 House of Representatives; and

1 (B) transmit an enrolled copy of this reso-
2 lution to the family of Steven D. Symms; and
3 (3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stands
4 adjourned as a further mark of respect to the mem-
5 ory of the late Steven D. Symms.

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