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“National Truck Driver Appreciation Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. KELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 15 through September 21, 2024, as “National Truck Driver Appreciation Week”.

Whereas 3,500,000 citizens of the United States navigate the roads and highways of the United States as professional truck drivers;

Whereas the trucking industry is the backbone of our economy, and truck drivers play an essential role in moving our great country forward;

Whereas the quality of life that the people of the United States enjoy would not be possible without the steadfast dedication demonstrated by truck drivers;

Whereas truckers of the United States drive over 330,000,000,000 miles each year, the equivalent of nearly

1,800 round trips to the sun, to deliver daily necessities and other consumer goods;

Whereas truck drivers make many sacrifices, including time away from their families, to fulfill their important responsibilities and get shipments where they need to be on time, safely, and securely;

Whereas truck drivers transport more than 11,000,000,000 tons of freight each year, which is about 70 percent of all the freight moved in the United States;

Whereas more than 80 percent of United States communities rely exclusively on truck drivers to deliver their commodities, including the most remote towns and territories that are unreachable by other modes of transportation;

Whereas the commitment of truck drivers ensures the delivery of vital public services, such as medical supplies, food distribution, and emergency relief during crises, making their role indispensable to the well-being of the United States;

Whereas truck drivers play an essential role in maintaining national security by transporting critical military equipment, supplies, and personnel in support of defense operations, ensuring the readiness and mobility of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas hundreds of billions of safe driving miles accumulated by truck drivers each year are a source of pride and reflect their unique skills and commitment to excellence;

Whereas the diligence and attention to detail displayed by truck drivers are critical to protecting the safety of all roadway users;

Whereas the partnership between truck drivers and law enforcement brings eyes and ears to every corner of the

country, helping to identify and rescue countless victims of human trafficking;

Whereas the people of the United States owe a debt of gratitude to truck drivers for the work they do and the altruistic example they set to put food on our tables, keep our homes comfortable, and support our families and jobs;

Whereas this year marks the 36th annual National Truck Driver Appreciation Week;

Whereas, during National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, the people of the United States extend their most sincere thanks to professional truck drivers; and

Whereas the purpose of National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is to—

(1) raise public awareness about the invaluable contributions of truck drivers; and

(2) promote greater respect for and understanding of the essential work that truck drivers do: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) thanks the professional truck drivers of the
3 United States; and

4 (2) promotes the profession of truck driving by
5 encouraging the public to recognize National Truck
6 Driver Appreciation Week.

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