

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 112

Commending employees of the Senate Post Office, employees of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the biochemical attack against the Senate on April 16, 2013.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2013

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COATS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COWAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNNS, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending employees of the Senate Post Office, employees

of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of the Capitol Hill community for their courage and professionalism following the biochemical attack against the Senate on April 16, 2013.

Whereas approximately 30,000 legislative branch employees work in the United States Capitol Complex, including approximately 6,200 employees of the Senate, 11,500 employees of the House of Representatives, and 12,800 employees of other entities;

Whereas the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate implemented enhanced mail screening procedures following the opening of a letter containing anthrax spores that was delivered to the Senate on October 15, 2001;

Whereas employees of the Senate Post Office mail screening facility in Landover, Maryland, serve as the first line of defense of the Senate against biochemical threats delivered through the mail;

Whereas employees of the Senate Post Office mail screening facility in Landover, Maryland, successfully intercepted an envelope that tested positive for the deadly poison ricin on April 16, 2013;

Whereas employees of the Senate Post Office mail screening facility in Landover, Maryland, immediately implemented emergency protocols and contacted the Capitol Police and medical emergency response teams; and

Whereas the Capitol Police, other law enforcement agencies, and medical professionals responded expeditiously to the mail screening facility in Landover, Maryland, and performed their duties with courage and professionalism in

spite of the threat of toxic exposure: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends employees of the Senate Post Of-
3 fice, employees of the Sergeant at Arms of the Sen-
4 ate, members of the Capitol Police, and members of
5 the Capitol Hill community for their courage, profes-
6 sionalism, and dedication to serving the public in re-
7 sponse to the biochemical attack against the Senate
8 on April 16, 2013;

9 (2) recognizes the congressional leadership, con-
10 gressional employees, the Capitol Police, and the Of-
11 fice of the Attending Physician for establishing ef-
12 fective screening methods and response plans that
13 prevented injury and death within the United States
14 Capitol Complex; and

15 (3) requests that the President recognize the
16 courage and professionalism of the employees of the
17 Senate Post Office, employees of the Sergeant at
18 Arms of the Senate, members of the Capitol Police,
19 and members of the Capitol Hill community for
20 their steadfast service to the public in defiance of
21 those who seek to disrupt the constitutional duties
22 of the legislative branch.

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