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S. RES. 165

Celebrating April 30 through May 6, 2017, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses owners in the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2017

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COONS, Mr. ENZI, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. ERNST, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. HOEVEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Celebrating April 30 through May 6, 2017, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of small businesses owners in the United States.

Whereas 2017 marks the 54th anniversary of National Small Business Week;

Whereas every President for more than 1/2 a century has proclaimed a week celebrating the significance of small businesses across the United States;

Whereas, as of May 2017, there are over 28,000,000 small businesses in the United States;

Whereas small businesses in the United States—

(1) employ nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of the workforce of the United States;

(2) comprise 99.7 percent of all employers in the United States;

(3) employ veterans, and since 2007, 9.3 percent of all business owners have been veterans;

(4) produce $\frac{1}{3}$ of all exports of the United States; and

(5) account for nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of private sector output;

Whereas, on July 30, 1953, Congress established the Small Business Administration to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the small business community;

Whereas 2 of every 3 new jobs are created by small businesses; and

Whereas the President designated the week of April 30 through May 6, 2017, as “National Small Business Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of the week of
3 April 30 through May 6, 2017, as “National Small
4 Business Week”;

5 (2) celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit of small
6 business owners in the United States;

7 (3) recognizes the importance of creating a
8 small business climate that allows for sustained, en-
9 trepreneurial success;

1 (4) celebrates the invaluable contribution that
2 small businesses make to the United States as the
3 backbone of the economy; and

4 (5) supports increasing consumer awareness of
5 the value and opportunity that small businesses
6 bring to local communities.

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