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Celebrating the life and achievements of Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat
for Humanity.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 11, 2009

Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. CHAMBLISS)
submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Celebrating the life and achievements of Millard Fuller, the
founder of Habitat for Humanity.

Whereas Millard Fuller was born on January 3, 1935, in the
small cotton-mill town of Lanett, in Chambers County,
Alabama, and would later graduate from Auburn Univer-
sity and the University of Alabama School of Law;

Whereas Millard Fuller became a self-made millionaire by the
age of 29 and could have lived out the rest of his life in
comfort, but instead he and his wife sold all of their pos-
sessions, donated the proceeds to the poor, and began
searching for a new purpose for their lives;

Whereas Millard Fuller and his wife established Habitat for
Humanity in Americus, Georgia, in 1976;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity has constructed more than 300,000 homes for 1,500,000 people and has a presence in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and more than 90 countries around the world;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity's noteworthy accomplishments include building 263 houses across the United States in 1 week and massive rebuilding efforts in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas in 2005, Millard Fuller established The Fuller Center for Housing, which works with local organizations to provide support and guidance to repair and build homes for impoverished individuals and is located in 24 States and 15 countries on 5 continents;

Whereas Millard Fuller provided 3 decades of leadership and service to Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center for Housing, committing his life to philanthropy and service to others while raising global concern for homelessness and poverty;

Whereas Millard Fuller was honored with over 50 honorary doctorate degrees by colleges and universities throughout the United States and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest civilian honor, by President William Jefferson Clinton in 1996; and

Whereas Millard Fuller passed away on February 3, 2009, leaving behind a loving wife, a proud family, and a legacy that will extend far beyond his life: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) celebrates the life and achievements of Mil-

3 lard Fuller;

1 (2) acknowledges the millions of people he and
2 his organization have served and the inspiration he
3 has given to so many; and

4 (3) encourages all the people of the United
5 States to recognize and pay tribute to Millard
6 Fuller's life by following the example of service that
7 he set.

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