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Designating January 27, 2017, as a national day of remembrance for people of the United States who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2017

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating January 27, 2017, as a national day of remembrance for people of the United States who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing.

Whereas, on January 27, 1951, the first of years of nuclear weapons tests was conducted at a site known as the Nevada Proving Ground, located approximately 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada;

Whereas the extensive testing at the Nevada Proving Ground occurred just years after the first nuclear weapon test, which was conducted on July 16, 1945, at what is known

as the Trinity Atomic Test Site, located approximately 35 miles south of Socorro, New Mexico;

Whereas many people of the United States who, during the Cold War, worked and lived downwind from nuclear testing sites (referred to in this preamble as the “downwinders”) were adversely affected by the radiation exposure generated by the above ground nuclear weapons testing, and some of the downwinders sickened as a result of the radiation exposure;

Whereas the downwinders paid a high price for the development of a nuclear weapons program for the benefit of the United States; and

Whereas the downwinders deserve to be recognized for the sacrifice they have made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates January 27, 2017, as a national
3 day of remembrance for people of the United States
4 who, during the Cold War, worked and lived down-
5 wind from nuclear testing sites and were adversely
6 affected by the radiation exposure generated by the
7 above ground nuclear weapons testing; and

8 (2) encourages the people of the United States
9 to support and participate in appropriate cere-
10 monies, programs, and other activities to commemo-
11 rate that national day of remembrance.

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