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S. RES. 491

Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.

Whereas the year 2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the Kent State University shootings that occurred on May 4, 1970;

Whereas, on May 4, 1970, Ohio National Guardsmen opened fire on Kent State students who were protesting the United States invasion of Cambodia and the ongoing Vietnam War;

Whereas 4 unarmed students (Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder) were killed and 9 others (Alan Canfora, John Cleary, Thomas Grace, Dean Kahler, Joseph Lewis, Donald MacKenzie, James Russell, Robert Stamps, and Douglas Wrentmore) were injured;

Whereas, in February 2010, the site of the May 4 shootings was entered in the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the historic places in the United States worthy of preservation;

Whereas, to preserve the memory of the May 4 shootings and encourage inquiry, learning, and reflection, Kent State has established a number of resources, including the May 4 Memorial, individual student memorial markers and scholarships in memory of the 4 students who were killed, an experimental college course entitled “May 4, 1970 and Its Aftermath”, and an annual commemoration sponsored by the May 4 Task Force; and

Whereas Kent State has engaged the internationally renowned design services firm, Gallagher and Associates, to assist in the development of the May 4 visitors’ center as a central place where individuals can explore and better understand the May 4 shootings: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate, in commemoration of the
 2 40th anniversary of the Kent State University shootings
 3 that occurred on May 4, 1970—

4 (1) recognizes the tragedy of the May 4 shoot-
 5 ings and the implications that the shootings have
 6 had not only on Kent State and the local commu-
 7 nity, but also on the Nation and the world; and

8 (2) applauds the development of the May 4 visi-
 9 tors’ center as an additional primary resource to
 10 preserve and communicate the history of the May 4
 11 shootings, its larger ethical and societal context and

- 1 impact, and its enduring meaning for our democratic
- 2 Nation.

