

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 686

Designating December 11, 2010, as “Wreaths Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 19, 2010

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating December 11, 2010, as “Wreaths Across
America Day”.

Whereas 19 years ago, the Wreaths Across America project began an annual tradition, during the month of December, of donating, transporting, and placing Maine balsam fir holiday wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas since that tradition began, through the hard work and generosity of the individuals involved in the Wreaths Across America project, hundreds of thousands of wreaths have been sent to national cemeteries and veterans memorials in every State and to locations overseas;

Whereas in 2009, wreaths were sent to over 400 locations across the United States, 100 more locations than the previous year, and 24 sites overseas;

Whereas in December 2010, the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle and motor vehicle group that is dedicated to patriotic events and includes more than 200,000 members nationwide, will continue their tradition of escorting a tractor-trailer filled with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas thousands of individuals volunteer each December to escort and lay the wreaths;

Whereas December 12, 2009, was previously designated by the Senate as “Wreaths Across America Day”; and

Whereas the Wreaths Across America project will continue its proud legacy on December 11, 2010, bringing 15,000 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery on that day:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates December 11, 2010, as “Wreaths
3 Across America Day”;

4 (2) honors the Wreaths Across America project,
5 the Patriot Guard Riders, and all of the volunteers
6 and donors involved in this worthy tradition; and

7 (3) recognizes the sacrifices our veterans, mem-
8 bers of the Armed Forces, and their families have
9 made, and continue to make, for our great Nation.

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