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Expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals
who represent the United States around the globe.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. KERRY) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service
professionals who represent the United States around
the globe.

Whereas the United States Foreign Service was established
by Congress in 1924 to professionalize the country's dip-
lomatic and consular services and advance freedom, de-
mocracy, and security for the benefit of the people of the
United States and the international community;

Whereas the United States Agency for International Develop-
ment was established in 1961 to support the foreign pol-
icy goals of the United States through economic, develop-
ment, and humanitarian assistance;

Whereas the Department of State and the United States
Agency for International Development together employ
more than 27,000 United States nationals in the Foreign

Service and Civil Service dedicated to promoting United States interests around the world;

Whereas Foreign Service personnel deploy to Asia, Africa, the Americas, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia on a permanent, rotating basis to defend and promote United States priorities abroad;

Whereas many Foreign Service employees spend months or years away from families and loved ones on assignment to dangerous or inhospitable posts where family members are not permitted;

Whereas numerous Department of State and United States Agency for International Development employees have lost their lives while serving abroad;

Whereas strong and purposeful United States diplomacy and development, carried out by a diverse, professionally educated, and well-trained force of Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals, are the most cost-effective means to protect and advance United States interests abroad;

Whereas the promotion of commercial engagement by United States businesses in foreign markets and targeted international development projects support economic prosperity, job creation, and opportunities for United States business and industry;

Whereas United States diplomats are often the first line of defense against international conflict and transnational security threats;

Whereas Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals have worked to support the members of the United States Armed Forces involved in critical national security missions and military engagements in dangerous and unstable regions;

Whereas Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals administer emergency assistance in crisis situations; and

Whereas the contributions of Foreign Service and Civil Service professionals to the global advancement of international understanding, American ideals, and the promotion of freedom and democracy around the world should be commended: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and gives special appreciation to
3 the Foreign Service and Civil Service personnel of
4 the Department of State, the United States Agency
5 for International Development, and other United
6 States Government agencies that promote and protect
7 United State priorities abroad; and

8 (2) owes a debt of gratitude to these individuals,
9 and their families, who put public service and
10 pride in their country ahead of comfort, convenience,
11 and even safety in service to the United States and
12 the global community.

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