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# S. RES. 116

Designating November 15, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as “America Recycles Day”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## RESOLUTION

Designating November 15, 1997, and November 15, 1998, as “America Recycles Day”.

Whereas citizens in the United States generate approximately 208,000,000 tons of municipal solid waste a year or 4.3 pounds per person per day;

Whereas the average worker generated between 120 and 150 pounds of recoverable white office paper a year;

Whereas the Environmental Protection Agency recently estimated that the recycling rate in the United States has reached 27 percent;

Whereas making products from recycled materials allows us to get the most use of every tree, every gallon of oil, every pound of mineral, every drop of water, and every kilowatt of energy that goes into products we buy;

Whereas manufacturing from recycled materials creates less waste and fewer emissions;

Whereas recycling saves energy, reducing the need to deplete nonrenewable energy resources;

Whereas it is estimated that 9 jobs are created for every 15,000 tons of solid waste recycled into a new product;

Whereas recycling is completed only when recovered materials are returned to the retailer as new products, and then purchased by consumers;

Whereas buying recycled products conserves resources and energy, reduces waste and pollution, and creates jobs;

Whereas more than 4,500 recycled products are available to consumers;

Whereas we have a two-way, use and reuse system of recycling and buying recycling; and

Whereas Americans support recycling, but need a regular reminder of the importance of buying recycled content products and the availability of recycled content products and instructions on how to recycle: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) designates November 15, 1997, and Novem-  
3       ber 15, 1998, as “America Recycles Day”; and

4               (2) requests that the President issue a procla-  
5       mation calling on the people of the United States to  
6       observe “America Recycles Day” with appropriate  
7       ceremonies and activities.

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