SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 71—DELEGITIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2001, AS ‘NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK’

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

WHEREAS mental health is defined by the state of emotional and psychological well-being in which an individual is able to use the individual’s cognitive and emotional capabilities, to function in society, and to meet the ordinary demands of everyday life;

WHEREAS mental health disorders include, depression, substance abuse, anxiety, Alzheimer’s disease, autism, bipolar illness, and panic attacks;

WHEREAS more than 51,000,000 individuals in the United States suffer from a mental illness in a single year, but only 8,000,000 seek treatment;

WHEREAS 40,000,000 adults in the United States are affected by 1 or more mental disorders;

WHEREAS 6,500,000 individuals in the United States are disabled by severe mental illness;

WHEREAS the Surgeon General has reported that 4 out of 10 of the leading causes of disability for persons age 5 and older are mental disorders;

WHEREAS 5.4 percent of the adult population in the United States suffers from a ‘serious’ mental illness which interferes with some area of their social functioning;

WHEREAS children and adolescents, like adults, have mental health problems that can lead to school failure, family conflicts, drug abuse, violence, and suicide;

WHEREAS education and awareness about mental health and mental health services are necessary to detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS Congress, as an institution, and the Members of Congress, as individuals, have the unique possibility of raising awareness about mental health: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) designates the week of October 7 through October 13, 2001, as ‘National Mental Health Awareness Week’;

(2) encourages all Americans to find out more about mental health services in their communities and seek mental health treatment when necessary; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 72—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT A COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP WITH THE IMAGE OF MARTHA MATILDA HARPER, AND THAT THE CITIZENS’ STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL THAT SUCH A STAMP BE ISSUED

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. MCDONALD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

Whereas Martha Matilda Harper, after spending much of the first 25 years of her life as a domestic servant, opened the Harper Method Shops and School, a health-conscious hair and skin care store in Rochester, New York, in 1888;

Whereas Martha Matilda Harper subsequently expanded the business to include 2 international manufacturing centers, 5 training schools, and over 500 beauty shops around the world;

Whereas Martha Matilda Harper shared the opportunity of business ownership with former servant women, and created the first franchise business model;

WHEREAS customers of Harper shops included world leaders, socialites, and suffragists, such as Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge, Kaiser Wilhelm II, Prime Minister Anthony Eden, First Ladies Jacqueline Kennedy and Lady Bird Johnson, and Susan B. Anthony;

WHEREAS Martha Matilda Harper’s 19th century management practices, which included a customer-oriented focus, an equitable relationship with staff, a childcare center in each shop, and the manufacture and promotion of organic products and procedures, would be contemporary by today’s standards;

WHEREAS franchising, which dominates retail business (with a new franchise opening every 8 minutes) and generates more than $1,000,000,000,000 in revenues annually; and

WHEREAS, for her accomplishments, Martha Matilda Harper was named to some of the following: “mother of franchising”; “Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) a commemorative postage stamp should be issued honoring Martha Matilda Harper; and

(2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

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Mr. LUGAR, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SARABANES, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. BREAUEx, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

WHEREAS law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel are collectively known as first responders; and

WHEREAS first responders around the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, first responders reacted immediately in evacuating and rescuing innocent people from the attacks;

WHEREAS first responders also arrived quickly at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS if it were not for the heroic efforts of first responders immediately after the terrorist attacks, numerous additional casualties would have resulted from the attacks;

WHEREAS as the first emergency personnel to arrive at the scenes of the terrorist attacks, first responders risked their lives in their efforts to save others;

WHEREAS while first responders were bravely conducting the evacuation and rescue after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the 2 towers of that complex collapsed, and many first responders themselves became victims of the attacks;

WHEREAS the everyday well-being, security, and safety of Americans depend upon the official duties of first responders;

WHEREAS in addition to their official duties, first responders around the Nation participated in planning, training, and exercises to respond to terrorist attacks;

WHEREAS emergency managers, public health officials, and medical care providers also invest significant time in planning, training, and exercises to better respond to terrorist attacks in the United States;

WHEREAS the everyday well-being, security, and safety of Americans depend upon the official duties of first responders;

WHEREAS in response to a terrorist attack, many of the first responders involved in the attacks also invested significant time in planning, training, and exercises to better respond to terrorist attacks in the United States;

WHEREAS the everyday well-being, security, and safety of Americans depend upon the official duties of first responders; and

WHEREAS following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, and the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 19, 1995, there are numerous Federal programs that help prepare first responders from across the Nation, including the Domestic Preparedness Program and other training and exercise programs administered by the Department of Justice;

WHEREAS while there are numerous domestic preparedness programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which together with the programs of the Department of Justice and local first responders with funding, training, equipment acquisition, technical assistance, exercise planning, and execution;

WHEREAS many of the first responders who participate in such programs do so on their own time;

WHEREAS an effective response of local first responders to a terrorist attack saves lives; and

WHEREAS in response to a terrorist attack, first responders are exposed to a high risk of bodily harm and death as the first line of defense of the United States in managing the aftermath of the attack: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—