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ADJOURNMENT OF THE TWO HOUSES OVER THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H. Con. Res. 176, the adjournment resolution, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H. Con. Res. 176) providing for conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H. Con. Res. 176) providing for conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, June 28, 2001, or Friday, June 29, 2001, at a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to adjourn, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., on Tuesday, July 3, 2001, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble and stand adjourned until noon on Monday, July 9, 2001, or until such time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns at the close of business on Thursday, June 28, 2001, or Friday, June 29, 2001, Saturday, June 30, 2001, or Monday, July 2, 2001, Tuesday, July 3, 2001, Thursday, July 5, 2001, or Friday, July 6, 2001, or Saturday, July 7, 2001, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to adjourn, it stand adjourned until noon on Monday, July 9, 2001, or until such time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to adjourn, or until noon on the second day after Members are notified to reassemble pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senator Clinton's resolution honoring the fallen firefighters of New York and to join with her in acknowledging the bravery and commitment of Harry Ford, Brian Fahey, and John Downing. These men were firefighters—firefighters who risked their lives and put them and their families at risk to keep us safe from harm. Their selfless acts of courage for others. We owe these men and their families a debt of honor.

The unmistakable courage and the incredible sacrifice that these heroes and their families have made for the good of their neighbors and their community are the kinds of virtues and values that should be held up to our children and ourselves as something we should all aspire to.

Finally, in so honoring these men, we honor the hundreds of thousands of public safety officers across this country that, every single day, risk their lives and put them and their families at risk to keep us safe from harm. Their strong tradition of bravery and selfless acts of courage for others.

I hope that next year when Father's Day comes around, the children who have lost their fathers in this fire and those who have lost fathers and mothers because they were serving us will know how grateful we are for their sacrifice. I hope all of my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I rise in support of Senator Clinton's resolution honoring the fallen firefighters of New York and to join with her in acknowledging the bravery and commitment of Harry Ford, Brian Fahey, and John Downing. These men were firefighters—firefighters who risked their lives and gave their lives to protect the public. These men died on Sunday, June 17th, while fighting a fire in Queens, New York. The price they paid on our behalf was as great a price as any citizen can pay. We owe these men our deepest appreciation and respect.

On Sunday, the 17th—Father's Day—firefighters Ford, Fahey and Downing worked quickly to fight a fire in a local hardware store. Thirty minutes after leaving the fire station, responding to what they thought was a routine call, an explosion buried the men under a huge pile of rubble. Dozens of firefighters worked to rescue the men, but they could not be reached in time.

These men were husbands and fathers. Harry Ford leaves behind his...