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Expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the pay of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the pay of civilian employees of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that there should continue to be parity between the adjustments in the pay of members of the uniformed services and the adjustments in the pay of civilian employees of the United States.

Whereas members of the uniformed services of the United States and civilian employees of the United States contribute to the general welfare of the United States, maintain the Nation's defenses, and ensure the security of the homeland;

Whereas civilian employees of the United States play a crucial role in the fight against terrorism, as exemplified by—

(1) the civilian employees of the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense who are working to ensure the security of the United States;

(2) the employees of the Intelligence Community and Federal law enforcement who have played a critical role in the investigation of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and who are working to prevent further terrorist attacks;

(3) the civilian employees of the Department of State who are working to maintain a broad and sustained international commitment to wipe out terrorism around the world;

(4) the numerous skilled trade and craft civilian employees of the Federal Government who work side-by-side with the men and women of the Armed Forces to maintain and deploy our air and sea fleet safely and swiftly; and

(5) the employees of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services who work every day protecting Americans from bioterrorism and those at the Department of Agriculture who strive to keep the Nation's food supply safe;

Whereas Americans depend on civilian employees of the United States for a vast array of important services from high profile disaster relief in times of national or international emergencies to the reliable administration of the Social Security program;

Whereas civilian employees of the United States will continue to serve and defend the United States;

Whereas in fiscal year 2005 the Senate budget resolution supported an across-the-board pay raise for both members of the uniformed services and civilian employees of the United States; and

Whereas the House of Representatives adopted House Resolution 581 affirming the bipartisan commitment to pay parity for fiscal year 2005: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that rates
 3 of pay for all civilian employees of the United States
 4 should be adjusted at the same time, and in the same pro-
 5 portion, as are rates of pay for members of the uniformed
 6 services.

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