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Honoring Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey for his lifetime of selfless
commitment and exemplary service to the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-
portation

RESOLUTION

Honoring Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey for his lifetime
of selfless commitment and exemplary service to the
United States.

Whereas Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey, the Director of
the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
(referred to in this preamble as “NOAA”) Commissioned
Officer Corps (referred to in this preamble as the
“NOAA Corps”), retires from the NOAA Corps on Sep-
tember 30, 2012, after 32 distinguished years of service;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey was appointed Director of the
NOAA Corps by Secretary of Commerce Carlos M.
Gutierrez on October 1, 2007, after nomination for the
position by President George W. Bush and confirmation
by the United States Senate;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey has commanded with distinction and provided exceptional leadership to the NOAA Corps since 2007, and has upheld the NOAA Corps values of honor, respect, and commitment;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey has had a balanced operational career, with 7 years of sea duty and almost 9 years of flight duty piloting aircraft for NOAA;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey played a critical role in developing innovative strategies to improve the NOAA Corps workforce;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey oversaw the aerial- and ground-based mapping operations by NOAA that aided search and recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and Pentagon after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey has ensured that the NOAA Corps provides NOAA with a cadre of officers trained in engineering and science who operate ships, fly aircraft, manage research projects, conduct diving operations, and serve in staff positions throughout NOAA;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey, during his tenure as Director of the NOAA Corps, has also served as the Director of the NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, ensuring that one of the largest civilian research fleets of ships and aircraft in the United States was modernized and prepared to support the NOAA mission of science, service, and stewardship;

Whereas Rear Admiral Bailey was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as a Commissioner on the Mississippi River Commission; and

Whereas, as NOAA bids fair winds and following seas to Rear Admiral Bailey, it is appropriate that he be remembered for his exceptional and tireless service to the United States and commended for his enviable list of career accomplishments: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes and honors
 2 Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey of the National Oceanic
 3 and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer
 4 Corps, on behalf of a grateful United States, for his life-
 5 time of selfless commitment and exemplary service.

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