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Congratulating the Army Dental Corps on its 100th anniversary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

MARCH 15, 2011

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Army Dental Corps on its 100th anniversary.

Whereas, on March 3, 1911, Congress was the first to officially recognize dentistry as a distinct profession by establishing an Army Dental Service with commissioned officers, a seminal event for dentistry as well as for military history;

Whereas dental health is a critical component of military medical readiness;

Whereas, throughout history, the Army Dental Corps has preserved the strength of the Army by minimizing risk for and expediting treatment of dental emergencies;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps works continuously to improve the oral health of soldiers and their families by supporting individual and community prevention initiatives, good oral hygiene practices, and evidence-based treatment;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps endeavors to improve oral health world-wide by participating in the full spectrum of military and peacekeeping operations, serving as dental ambassadors through care rendered to United States and coalition military personnel during combat operations, and local national citizens in humanitarian operations;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps, in collaboration with national and international dental organizations, promotes synergy among all dental professionals;

Whereas the Army Dental Corps supports the mission of the Federal dental research program, and endorses improved dental technologies and therapies through research and adherence to sound scientific principles; and

Whereas the Army Dental Corps recognizes the importance of lifelong pursuit of continuing dental education, and executes this mission through specialty dental education and postgraduate residencies and fellowships for its members: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Army Dental Corps on its
3 100th anniversary;

4 (2) commends the Army Dental Corps for its
5 work to improve the dental readiness of the Army,
6 and the oral health of soldiers and their families;

1 (3) recognizes the thousands of dentists who
2 have served in the Army Dental Corps over the last
3 100 years, providing dental care to millions of mem-
4 bers of the Armed Forces and their families; and

5 (4) commends the Army Dental Corps for its
6 efforts to keep America's soldiers healthy and the
7 best fighting force in the world.

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