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RESOLUTION

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Whereas, on June 22, 1944, in demonstration of the full support of the United States for the transition of members of the Armed Forces to civilian life, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284), more commonly known as the “G.I. Bill of Rights”;

Whereas such Act made available to 16,000,000 veterans who served in the Armed Forces during World War II immediate financial support and transformational education and home loan programs;

Whereas such Act contributed 450,000 engineers, 240,000 accountants, 238,000 teachers, 91,000 scientists, 67,000
doctors, 122,000 dentists, 17,000 writers and editors, and thousands of other professionals to the workforce of the United States;

Whereas this combination of opportunities changed the social and economic fabric of the United States, with a 1988 report from the Subcommittee on Education and Health of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress concluding that for every $1 the United States invested in the such Act, $6.90 was returned in growth to the economy of the United States;

Whereas such Act expressed the duty, responsibility, and desire of a grateful United States to see to it that those who served on active duty in the Armed Forces are afforded every opportunity to become disciplined forces for United States prosperity and progress, through economic opportunity and investment;


Whereas the week of June 18 through June 22, 2018, is an appropriate week to designate as “National GI Bill Commemoration Week”: Now, therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the achievements of the Servicemen’s

3 Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284) in democratizing higher education, establishing greater citi-
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citizenship through economic empowerment, and em-
powering a generation that would serve for decades
to guide the transformation of the United States
into a global force for good; and

(2) affirms Congress’ responsibility to be faith-
ful stewards of educational assistance provided
under laws administered by the Secretary of Vet-
erans Affairs to ensure that such assistance endures
as an honorable investment of public dollars.