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Expressing the sense of the Senate that defense laboratories are on the cutting-edge of scientific and technological advancement, and supporting the designation of May 18, 2017, as “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Ms. WARREN, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. PETERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that defense laboratories are on the cutting-edge of scientific and technological advancement, and supporting the designation of May 18, 2017, as “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”.

Whereas the national network of laboratories and engineering centers that are owned by the United States Armed Forces and funded by the Federal Government and research and development centers that are owned by the United States Armed Forces and funded by the Department of Defense (referred to in this preamble as the “defense laboratories”) should be commended for the unique role that network has had in countless innovations and advances in the areas of defense and national security;

Whereas technological progress is responsible for up to 50 percent of the growth of the United States economy and is the principal driving force behind long-term economic growth and increases in the standard of living in the United States;

Whereas research and development supported by the Department of Defense has led to new products and processes for state-of-the-art Armed Forces weapons and technology;

Whereas defense laboratories frequently partner with State and local governments and regional organizations to transfer technology to the private sector;

Whereas defense laboratories have earned prestigious national and international awards for research and technology transfer efforts and lead the way in cutting-edge science and technology;

Whereas the innovations that are produced at defense laboratories fuel economic growth by creating new industries, companies, and jobs;

Whereas, since the global leadership and national security of the United States is dependent on innovation and new industries, the work of the national network of defense laboratories is essential to the continued prosperity of the United States; and

Whereas May 18, 2017, is an appropriate day to designate as “Department of Defense Laboratory Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of the “Department of Defense Laboratory Day” in celebration of

1 all of the work and accomplishments of the national
2 network of laboratories and engineering centers that
3 are owned by the United States Armed Forces and
4 funded by the Federal Government and research and
5 development centers that are owned by the United
6 States Armed Forces and funded by the Department
7 of Defense (referred to in this resolution as the “de-
8 fense laboratories”);

9 (2) recognizes that a key to maintaining United
10 States Armed Forces superiority, innovation, and
11 competitiveness in a global economy is to continue to
12 support federally sponsored research and develop-
13 ment;

14 (3) acknowledges that the knowledge base, tech-
15 nologies, and techniques generated in the national
16 network of defense laboratories serve as a founda-
17 tion for additional efforts relating to the Armed
18 Forces in the defense industrial base;

19 (4) commits to find ways to increase investment
20 in the national network of defense laboratories in
21 order to increase support of federally sponsored re-
22 search and development critical to the national secu-
23 rity interests of the United States;

24 (5) encourages defense laboratories, Federal
25 agencies, and Congress to hold an outreach event on

1 May 18, 2017, “Department of Defense Laboratory
2 Day”, to make the public more aware of the work
3 of the national network of defense laboratories; and
4 (6) recognizes the outstanding dedication, quali-
5 fications, service, and accomplishments of the sci-
6 entists, technicians, and support staff of the defense
7 laboratories.

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