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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

MAY 17, 2017

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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 and operated by the United States Armed Forces (referred to in this preamble as the “defense laboratories”) should be commended for the unique role that the defense laboratories have played 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 and operated by the United States Armed
4 Forces (referred to in this resolution as the “defense
5 laboratories”);

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

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

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

21 (5) encourages defense laboratories, Federal
22 agencies, and Congress to hold an outreach event on
23 May 18, 2017, “Department of Defense Laboratory
24 Day”, to make the public more aware of the work
25 of the national network of defense laboratories; and

1 (6) recognizes the outstanding dedication, quali-
2 fications, service, and accomplishments of the sci-
3 entists, technicians, and support staff of the defense
4 laboratories.

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