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Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs operation and commending the members of Brigada de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 12, 2011

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs operation and commending the members of Brigada de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506).

Whereas April 17, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs operation, an event held in the hearts of all who long for the return of freedom to Cuba;

Whereas the Communist government imposed in Cuba since January 1959 has systematically denied the most basic human freedoms to the Cuban people;

Whereas, on April 17, 1961, men and women from the United States and from Cuba selflessly volunteered to help the Cuban people free themselves from Communist tyranny;

Whereas during the next few days and in the course of a battle against a military force superior in manpower and firepower, nearly 100 men lost their lives, including 4 pilots from the United States;

Whereas, in September 1961, the Cuban government executed 5 soldiers that had been captured alive;

Whereas the greater part of the remaining assaulting forces were captured, imprisoned in deplorable conditions for close to 18 months, sentenced without due process to 30 years of imprisonment, and finally returned to the United States by the Cuban government;

Whereas the Cuban soldiers who returned from the operation have made valuable contributions to the United States, while never forgetting their beloved native country;

Whereas, on December 29, 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was presented with the Brigade 2506 banner that had reached Cuban shores during the invasion and the president pledged, “I can assure you that this flag will be returned to this brigade in a free Havana”;

Whereas, on April 24, 1986, a joint resolution was passed (Public Law 99–279) “Commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Bay of Pigs invasion to liberate Cuba from Communist tyranny”; and

Whereas the Cuban people continue to struggle and demand respect for their civil liberties: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes and pays tribute to the brave

3 service of all members of Brigada de Asalto 2506

4 (Assault Brigade 2506), both living and deceased;

5 and

1 (2) calls on the United States to continue poli-
2 cies that promote respect for the fundamental prin-
3 ciples of freedom, democracy, and human rights in
4 Cuba, in a manner consistent with the aspirations of
5 the people of Cuba.

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