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Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the United States National Library
of Medicine.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HARKIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 175th anniversary of the United States
National Library of Medicine.

Whereas since 1836, the National Library of Medicine has played a crucial role in information innovation, revolutionizing the way scientific and medical information is organized, stored, accessed, and disseminated;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine houses the largest and most distinguished collection of health science and medical research literature in the world and serves as a vital resource to researchers, health professionals, and health care consumers;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine produces and provides free public access to comprehensive online databases of biological, genomic, and clinical research data that are a lynchpin to cutting edge biomedical research

and are searched more than 2,000,000,000 times each year;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine plays a central role in developing health data standards to enable efficient use and exchange of health information in electronic health records;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine has conducted and supported training programs for groundbreaking informatics research and development for more than 40 years;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine is a leading source of toxicology, environmental health, and disaster preparedness and response information, including innovative use of information technology and mobile devices for first responders;

Whereas the National Library of Medicine has developed a wide range of consumer health information resources, which have improved the health of citizens of the United States and persons around the globe; and

Whereas the long and distinguished history of the National Library of Medicine is worthy of special commemoration by the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the 175th anniversary of the
3 United States National Library of Medicine;

4 (2) salutes the National Library of Medicine for
5 a long and distinguished record of service to citizens
6 of the United States and people around the globe,
7 and for the many contributions of the National Li-

1 brary of Medicine in the area of information innova-
2 tion; and

3 (3) calls upon the people of the United States
4 to observe the 175th anniversary of the United
5 States National Library of Medicine with appro-
6 priate recognition and activities.

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