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S. RES. 540

Commending the officers of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service for their work in fighting Ebola.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2016

Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service (in this preamble referred to as the “Commissioned Corps”) traces its antecedents to the creation of the Marine Hospital Service in the Act entitled “An Act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen”, approved July 16, 1798;

Whereas the Commissioned Corps today consists of approximately 6,700 commissioned officers who serve in 11 specialty areas;

Whereas thousands of officers of the Commissioned Corps have deployed in the aftermath of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and Superstorm Sandy;

Whereas almost 900 officers of the Commissioned Corps deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to support members of the Armed Forces stationed in those locations;

Whereas the officers of the Commissioned Corps constitute a rapidly-deployable force of medical professionals who serve public health in the United States and foreign countries;

Whereas more than 300 officers of the Commissioned Corps deployed to Liberia to treat Ebola patients, voluntarily accepting the risks associated with treating patients who carried this deadly disease;

Whereas hundreds of other officers of the Commissioned Corps provided support to the officers who were deployed to Liberia;

Whereas the Ebola epidemic in Liberia no longer represents a public health emergency of international concern, as determined by the World Health Organization, due in part to the intervention of officers of the Commissioned Corps; and

Whereas the United States was spared the danger of an Ebola outbreak because the disease was contained in West Africa: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends all of the offi-
 2 cers of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Serv-
 3 ice who participated in the effort to prevent an Ebola out-
 4 break in the United States.

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