

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 5

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

May 15

1 On page 2 of the printed joint memorial, delete lines 1 through 22 and insert:

2 “Whereas plutonium for the bomb the United States dropped on Nagasaki was produced at the
3 Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a site on the banks of the Columbia River in the State of Washington
4 that displaced area residents, affected the health of ‘Downwinders’ and caused sacred sites, villages
5 and fishing areas of Native American tribes to be lost; and

6 “Whereas the Hanford Site, upriver from Oregon, remains the most toxic contamination site in
7 the Western Hemisphere, a nuclear sacrifice zone that threatens the health and environment of our
8 region; and

9 “Whereas the Marshall Islands were the site of 67 nuclear weapons tests by the United States
10 during the Cold War, and Oregon currently has one of the largest populations of Marshall Islanders
11 in the nation, many of whom continue to suffer health consequences from their home being used as
12 a nuclear sacrifice zone; and

13 “Whereas the service and suffering of all atomic veterans was acknowledged by the State of
14 Oregon in 2005 with the designation of July 16 every year as Atomic Veterans Day, and in 2017
15 with the designation of Interstate 5 between Salem and Albany as Atomic Veterans Memorial
16 Highway; and

17 “Whereas Oregon has been home to many courageous people who have dedicated their lives to
18 the eradication of nuclear weapons, including Hiroshima survivor Dr. Hideko Tamura Snider of
19 Medford, Hanford cleanup advocate and Yakama Nation Elder Russell Jim, Nobel Peace Prize re-
20 cipient Linus Pauling, Hanford ‘Downwinder’ Pat Hoover of Eugene and Carol Urner, who organized
21 the first Hiroshima commemoration in Portland in 1962; and

22 “Whereas nuclear weapons-related mining, milling, production, testing, storage and use dispro-
23 portionately affect communities of color, indigenous peoples and women, and adequate compensation
24 has not been made for the environmental and health consequences of nuclear weapons activities
25 pursued by the federal government during the 50 years of the Cold War, most often on Native
26 American land; and

27 “Whereas in order to survive climate change and pursue social justice, we will need our
28 brightest scientific minds and limited resources to no longer be squandered on weapons, because as
29 the climate crisis increases stress on communities around the world and intensifies the likelihood
30 of conflict, the potential for nuclear war will grow; and”.

31 In line 33, after “steps” insert “and fulfill its ethical obligation to its people”.

32 In line 35, delete “have” and insert “has”.

33 In line 44, delete “the Oregon Congressional Delegation” and insert “Congress”.

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