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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition Week.

Whereas the week of May 7 through 13, 2023, has been designated as “Public Service Recognition Week” to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and local governments and members of the uniformed services;

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize and promote the important contributions of public servants and honor the diverse men and women who meet the needs of the United States through work at all levels of government and as members of the uniformed services;

Whereas millions of individuals work in government service, and as members of the uniformed services, in every State, county, and city across the United States and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas Federal employees provide crucial customer service to millions of Americans, including students getting ready to advance their educations, small business owners seeking low-cost financing, veterans needing health care after their service, victims of natural disasters, retirees applying for their earned benefits, and many more;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

Whereas the ability of the Federal Government and State and local governments to be responsive, innovative, and effective depends on outstanding performance of dedicated public servants;

Whereas the United States continues to reaffirm the critical importance of public service employees in responding to public health and economic challenges;

Whereas the United States is a great and prosperous country, and public service employees contribute significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the United States benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of the highly trained individuals who work in public service;

Whereas public servants—

(1) defend the freedom of the people of the United States and advance the interests of the United States and the ideals of democracy around the world;

(2) provide vital strategic support functions to the Armed Forces and serve in the National Guard and Reserves;

(3) fight crime and fires;

(4) ensure equal access to secure, efficient, and affordable mail service;

(5) deliver benefits under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.), including benefits under the Medicare Program under title XVIII of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.);

(6) fight disease and promote better health;

(7) protect the environment and the parks of the United States;

(8) enforce laws guaranteeing equal employment opportunity and healthy working conditions;

(9) defend and secure critical infrastructure;

(10) help the people of the United States recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;

(11) teach and work in schools and libraries;

(12) develop new technologies and explore the Earth, the Moon, and space to help improve knowledge on how the world changes;

(13) improve and secure transportation systems;

(14) promote economic stability and growth; and

(15) assist veterans of the Armed Forces;

Whereas members of the uniformed services and civilian employees at all levels of government make significant contributions to the general welfare of the United States, and are on the front lines in the fight to defeat terrorism and maintain homeland security;

Whereas public servants work in a professional manner to build relationships with other countries and cultures in

order to better represent the interests and promote the ideals of the United States;

Whereas public servants alert Congress and the public to government waste, fraud, and abuse, and of dangers to public health;

Whereas the individuals serving in the uniformed services, as well as the skilled trade and craft employees of the Federal Government who provide support to their efforts, are committed to doing their jobs regardless of the circumstances, and contribute greatly to the security of the United States and the world;

Whereas public servants have bravely fought in armed conflicts in the defense of the United States and its ideals and deserve the care and benefits they have earned through their honorable service;

Whereas public servants have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas and serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants;

Whereas legislative branch employees, including members of the Capitol Police and officers of the House of Representatives and Senate ensure the smooth functioning of Congress and the safety and security of Members of Congress, their staffs, and visitors to the Capitol complex;

Whereas legislative branch employees working for Members of Congress, congressional committees, and legislative branch agencies work tirelessly to serve constituents and support Congress in fulfilling its constitutional obligations;

Whereas public servants have decisively and resolutely responded to conflicts around the globe, such as the evol-

ing crisis in Ukraine, through creative diplomatic approaches; and

Whereas the week of May 7 through 13, 2023, marks the 39th anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) supports the designation of “Public Service
3 Recognition Week”;

4 (2) commends public servants for their out-
5 standing contributions to this great country during
6 Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the
7 year;

8 (3) salutes government employees, and mem-
9 bers of the uniformed services, for their unyielding
10 dedication to and enthusiasm for public service;

11 (4) honors government employees and members
12 of the uniformed services who have given their lives
13 in service to their communities and their country;

14 (5) calls upon a new generation to consider a
15 career in public service as an honorable profession;

16 (6) encourages efforts to promote public service
17 careers at all levels of government; and

18 (7) expresses gratitude to the Federal workers
19 who have selflessly answered the call to serve their
20 country.

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