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To designate the year 2013 as the “International Year of Statistics”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HAGAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

To designate the year 2013 as the “International Year of
Statistics”.

Whereas more than 2,000 organizations worldwide have recognized 2013 as the International Year of Statistics, a global celebration and recognition of the contributions of statistical science to the well-being of humankind;

Whereas the science of statistics is vital to the improvement of human life because of the power of statistics to improve, enlighten, and understand;

Whereas statistics is the science of collecting, analyzing, and understanding data that permeates and bolsters all sciences;

Whereas statisticians contribute to the vitality and excellence of myriad aspects of United States society, including the

economy, health care, security, commerce, education, and research;

Whereas rapidly increasing numbers of students in grades K through 16 and educators are recognizing the many benefits of statistical literacy as a collection of skills to intelligently cope with the requirements of citizenship, employment, and family;

Whereas statisticians contribute to smart and efficient government through the production of statistical data that informs on all aspects of our society, including population, labor, education, economy, transportation, health, energy, and crime;

Whereas the goals of the International Year of Statistics are to increase public awareness of the power and impact of statistics on all aspects of society, nurture statistics as a profession, especially among young people, and promote creativity and development in the sciences of probability and statistics; and

Whereas throughout the year, organizations in countries across the world will reach out to adults and children through symposia, conferences, demonstrations, workshops, contests, school activities, exhibitions, and other public events to increase awareness of the history and importance of statistics: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the year 2013 as the “Inter-
3 national Year of Statistics”;

4 (2) supports the goals and ideals of the Inter-
5 national Year of Statistics;

1 (3) recognizes the necessity of educating the
2 public on the merits of the sciences, including statis-
3 tics, and promoting interest in the sciences among
4 the youth of the United States; and

5 (4) encourages the people of the United States
6 to participate in the International Year of Statistics
7 through participation in appropriate programs, ac-
8 tivities, and ceremonies that call attention to the im-
9 portance of statistics to the present and future well-
10 being of the people of the United States.

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