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2D SESSION

S. RES. 534

Designating September 6, 2014, as “Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31, 2014

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

RESOLUTION

Designating September 6, 2014, as “Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day”.

Whereas the great Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Pekin, Illinois, has passed from the halls of the United States Capitol;

Whereas the current Senators wish to honor Senator Dirksen;

Whereas, upon the passing of Senator Dirksen, his contemporaries and peers stated that—

(1) Senator Dirksen—

(A) provided sage advice and counsel and wholehearted wisdom;

(B) provided support that made the civil rights legislation of the 1960s a fact rather than a dream during that decade; and

(C) was known as an American who cultivated a high sense of honor; and

(2) when Senator Dirksen spoke, the country listened, and his eloquence was a source of national strength;

Whereas, as the obituary for Senator Dirksen in the New York Times noted, Senator Dirksen “was ever constant to the marigold, which he sought to make the national flower and which he grew profusely in his garden”;

Whereas, as Senator Dirksen said on the Senate floor on April 17, 1967, the marigold “is a native of North America and can in truth and in fact be called an American flower”;

Whereas, as Senator Dirksen said in that speech, the marigold “is national in character, for it grows and thrives in every one of the fifty states of this nation”;

Whereas, as Senator Dirksen said in that speech, the marigold’s “robustness reflects the hardihood and character of the generations who pioneered and built this land into a great nation”;

Whereas, beginning in 1973, Pekin has held the Pekin Marigold Festival each year to honor Pekin’s favorite son, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen; and

Whereas the 40th Pekin Marigold Festival will be held during the first week of September 2014, which includes Saturday, September 6: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates September 6,
2 2014, as “Everett McKinley Dirksen and Marigold Day”.

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