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Recognizing the death of John Davison "Jay" Rockefeller IV, former Senator for the State of West Virginia.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. JUSTICE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the death of John Davison "Jay" Rockefeller IV, former Senator for the State of West Virginia.

Whereas John Davison "Jay" Rockefeller, born in New York City, came to West Virginia in 1964 as a Volunteers in Service to America worker;

Whereas Jay Rockefeller, rather than return to New York, embraced West Virginia and dedicated his public life to serving the State;

Whereas Jay Rockefeller was first elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1966, representing Kanawha County, and then elected as the 22nd West Virginia Secretary of State in 1968, serving from 1969 to 1973;

Whereas Jay Rockefeller served as President of West Virginia Wesleyan College from 1973 to 1975;

Whereas Jay Rockefeller served as Governor of West Virginia from 1977 to 1985;

Whereas, in 1984, Jay Rockefeller was elected to the United States Senate, serving West Virginia in the Senate until 2015;

Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, Jay Rockefeller Chaired the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

Whereas Jay Rockefeller was a tireless advocate for the people of West Virginia, championing health care for children, miners, and veterans, and increasing economic development across the State;

Whereas Jay Rockefeller, in memory of his mother, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease, created what is now the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute at West Virginia University, a cutting-edge research and medical treatment center dedicated to advanced neurological care, mental health treatment, and education; and

Whereas Jay Rockefeller died on November 6, 2026, at the age of 89, leaving behind his wife Sharon, 4 children John D. Rockefeller V, Valerie Rockefeller, Charles Rockefeller, and Justin Aldrich Rockefeller, and 9 grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of

the Honorable John Davison ''Jay'' Rockefeller IV, former member of the Senate; and

(B) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate—

(i) communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives; and

(ii) transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased; and

(2) when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable John Davison ''Jay'' Rockefeller.