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# S. RES. 316

Honoring the life of Lowell Palmer Weicker, Jr., former Senator for the State of Connecticut.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 26, 2023

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

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## RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Lowell Palmer Weicker, Jr., former Senator for the State of Connecticut.

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.—

(1) was born in Paris, France, in 1931; and

(2) graduated from Yale University, in New Haven, Connecticut, and the University of Virginia Law School;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1953 through 1955, achieving the rank of first lieutenant;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was elected to the House of Representatives in 1968;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was first elected to the Senate in 1970 and was reelected in 1976 and 1982;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. served on the Senate Watergate Committee, where he was the first Republican senator to call for the resignation of President Richard Nixon, an act of political courage and dedication to public service;

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was an early and strong advocate in the Senate for the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.), which prohibits discrimination based on disability in everyday activities;

Whereas, while serving in the Senate, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was a strong advocate for protecting public health, shown through his efforts to—

- (1) prevent cuts in funding for the National Institutes of Health;
  - (2) support scientific and medical research efforts;
- and
- (3) secure funding for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) treatment;

Whereas, after his tenure in the Senate, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. was elected Governor of Connecticut in 1990;

Whereas, as Governor of Connecticut, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. secured the passage of a state income tax that, while unpopular, balanced the budget of the State;

Whereas, as Governor of Connecticut, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. signed many laws that sought to improve the quality of life for residents of the State, including a ban on assault rifles for the first time in State history;

Whereas, after leaving public office, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. continued his work to improve the public health, founding Trust for America's Health, a nonprofit working on dis-

ease prevention, and serving as the president of the organization from 2001 through 2011; and

Whereas Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. is survived by his wife, Claudia Weicker, as well as his 5 sons, 2 stepsons, 12 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That—

2           (1) the Senate has heard with profound sorrow  
3       and deep regret the announcement of the death of  
4       Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., former member of the Sen-  
5       ate;

6           (2) the Senate directs the Secretary of the Sen-  
7       ate to communicate this resolution to the House of  
8       Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy of  
9       this resolution to the family of Lowell P. Weicker,  
10      Jr.; and

11          (3) when the Senate adjourns today, it stand  
12      adjourned as a further mark of respect to the mem-  
13      ory of the late Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

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