

RESOLUTION
of
Commendation and Appreciation
for
The Honorable Robert C. Byrd

Regarding His Leadership
In Support of
The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

Whereas the nation faces a major underage drinking crisis that exacts a staggering toll on Americans;

Whereas Congress established, in 1998, the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) program to assist states and communities and law enforcement to address this national crisis with effective research-based strategies to prevent youth access to alcohol;

Whereas the 2003 report by the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies – *Reducing Underage Drinking: A Collective Responsibility* – found that underage drinking results in the deaths of 3,200 Americans and costs the United States \$53 billion each year;

Whereas American families and communities continue to suffer the consequences of underage drinking;

Whereas the need for the EUDL program is more urgent than ever and this federal investment has demonstrated its effectiveness and cost-efficiency in combating the ongoing crisis;

Whereas the EUDL program has increased the ability of law enforcement to uphold underage drinking laws, trained youth to be leaders in fighting underage drinking, increased public awareness and prevention efforts, and is addressing the critical challenges of alcohol consumption on college campuses;

Whereas Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring a viable and effective EUDL program and has exercised leadership toward this end: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the undersigned do hereby commend Senator Robert C. Byrd and express appreciation for his continued leadership and advocacy in preserving the EUDL program that helps save lives and prevent the costs and tragedies caused by underage drinking.