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S. RES. _____

Recognizing June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Recognizing June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate.

Whereas, for nearly 4 decades, Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network (C-SPAN) has served as an essential conduit between the United States Senate and the American public;

Whereas, since its launch on June 2, 1986, the channel C-SPAN2 has offered uninterrupted, unfiltered access to the debates, votes, and deliberations of the Senate;

Whereas, over the course of 39 years, C-SPAN2 has recorded more than 43,830 hours of Senate sessions, capturing more than 169,000 speeches that span the spectrum of political thoughts, policy debates, and personal testimony;

Whereas these recordings preserve the voices of 359 different Senators, including 185 Republicans, 167 Democrats, and 7 Independents, across nearly 4 decades of service;

Whereas C-SPAN2 has documented more than 23,493 roll call votes, each a building block of American law and policy, a living ledger of Senate decision-making;

Whereas C-SPAN operates without public funding or government oversight;

Whereas the continued availability and success of C-SPAN is due to the funding provided by cable and satellite television operators in the United States; and

Whereas all television providers, including streaming services, should make delivery of C-SPAN a priority so Americans can watch Congress in action, in real time: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate recognizes—

2 (1) June 2, 2025, as the 39th anniversary of C-
3 SPAN chronicling democracy in the Senate; and

4 (2) the importance of continuous Senate cov-
5 erage for all Americans and the need for live cov-
6 erage to be accessible on all platforms.