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Supporting the designation of the week beginning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owners of the United States and their impact on their communities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Supporting the designation of the week beginning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Business Week” and commending the entrepreneurial spirit of the small business owners of the United States and their impact on their communities.

Whereas 2020 marks the 57th anniversary of “National Small Business Week”;

Whereas every President for more than half a century has proclaimed a week celebrating the significance of small businesses across the United States;

Whereas there are more than 30,000,000 small businesses in the United States;

Whereas small businesses in the United States—

(1) employ nearly half of the workforce of the United States;

(2) make up 99.7 percent of all employers in the United States;

(3) employ veterans;

(4) produce $\frac{1}{3}$ of the exports of the United States;

and

(5) account for nearly half of private sector output;

Whereas, as of 2020, 9.1 percent of all small business owners in the United States are veterans;

Whereas, on July 30, 1953, Congress created the Small Business Administration to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the small business community; and

Whereas 2 out of every 3 new jobs in the United States are created by small businesses: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the designation of the week begin-
3 ning September 20, 2020, as “National Small Busi-
4 ness Week”;

5 (2) celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit of the
6 small business owner in the United States;

7 (3) understands the importance of creating a
8 small business climate that allows for sustained eco-
9 nomic recovery;

10 (4) celebrates the invaluable contribution small
11 businesses make to the United States as the back-
12 bone of the economy;

1 (5) supports increasing consumer awareness of
2 the value and opportunity small businesses bring to
3 their local communities;

4 (6) understands the importance of providing
5 more access and resources to minority-owned and
6 underserved firms; and

7 (7) understands the need to provide further as-
8 sistance and relief to the small businesses of the
9 United States during unprecedented times.