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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 103

2 BY KRAMER

3 A Senate Resolution commemorating the founding and
4 accomplishments of the federal Civilian Conservation
5 Corps.

6 WHEREAS, on March 31, 1933, the United States
7 Congress approved, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt
8 signed, legislation establishing the greatest
9 environmental program in the history of the nation,
10 the Civilian Conservation Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, the enrollees, who were 17 to 23 years of
12 age, planted tens of millions of tree seedlings on
13 land in federal and state parks; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Government has
15 collected, and continues to collect, millions of
16 dollars in harvesting fees from lumber companies as a
17 result of the trees planted by the Civilian
18 Conservation Corps; and

19 WHEREAS, thousands of farmers received assistance
20 from the Civilian Conservation Corps in terracing and
21 establishing contour farming practices, preventing
22 tons of soil erosion and substantially increasing crop
23 production; and

24 WHEREAS, many lodges, cabins, shelters, and trails
25 built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in state and
26 national parks have provided countless hours of
27 recreation and enjoyment to visitors; and

28 WHEREAS, the civilian conservation corps concept
29 could be a valuable complement to AmeriCorps and Job
30 Corps by performing needed work in the state and

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1 national forests and parks; and

2 WHEREAS, as in the 1930s, a new civilian
3 conservation corps would provide job training and
4 instill in the enrollees a work ethic and self-
5 discipline, and provide workfare assistance to needy
6 families; NOW THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That Tuesday, March
8 31, 1998, be declared National Civilian Conservation
9 Corps Recognition Day in honor of the former members
10 of the federal Civilian Conservation Corps and to
11 encourage the discussion of benefits of establishing a
12 new civilian conservation corps for the youth of
13 today.

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