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Overland Park, Kan., April 2, 2009 – On Tuesday, March 31, 2009, the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 86. The resolution designates Saturday, April 18, 2009, ‘National Auctioneers Day’ in the United States. U.S. Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts of Kansas introduced S. Res. 86 on behalf of the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) and its members. “It’s an honor to have the United States Senate recognize our profession and industry with the passing of S. Res. 86,” said NAA President Randy Wells. “National Auctioneers Day is a day when all auctioneers can give thanks for their profession and the communities and industries that support them. “

The NAA is the nation’s largest professional association dedicated to the auction profession and industry. Headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, the NAA represents the interests of a broad and diverse range of auction professionals. Membership ranges from livestock and antique auctioneers, to real estate and auto auctioneers. In 2008, the live auction industry sold an estimated \$268.4 billion in goods and assets in the United States.

The third Saturday of every April is celebrated by the NAA and its members as ‘National Auctioneers Day’. Auctioneers recognize and celebrate this day by volunteering in their communities and conducting benefit auctions.

To learn more about the NAA, find an auction or NAA auctioneer, visit www.auctioneers.org.

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About the NAA

Headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas, the National Auctioneers Association (NAA) represents the interests of auctioneers in the United States, Canada and across the world. Founded in 1949, the mission of the NAA is to promote the auction method of marketing and enhance the professionalism of its members through education and technology. To learn more about auctions, find an auction or auctioneer, visit: www.auctioneers.org.

Text: S. Res. 86

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Resolution

Designating April 18, 2009, as ‘National Auctioneers Day’.

Whereas auctions have played an important role in the sale and exchange of goods for nearly 2,000 years;

Whereas auctions have been an integral part of the marketplace in the United States and around the world;

Whereas auctioneers sold nearly \$268,400,000,000 in goods and assets in 2008;

Whereas the National Auctioneers Association has 5,000 members and has its headquarters in Overland Park, Kansas;

Whereas, in 2008, members of the National Auctioneers Association raised \$16,000,000,000 for charity through benefit auctions;

Whereas auctions are growing in popularity and are used with increasing frequency in the marketplace;

Whereas, through competitive bidding, auctions demonstrate how the free enterprise system establishes fair market value;

Whereas trained professional auctioneers ensure that auctions are conducted in a manner that is fair to both buyers and sellers;

Whereas, in the past, Federal, State, and local governments have designated days and weeks to celebrate auctioneers; and

Whereas the designation by the Senate of April 18, 2009, as 'National Auctioneers Day' will heighten awareness of the contributions made by auctions and auctioneers to the economy, culture, and way of life of the people of the United States:

Now, therefore be it resolved,

That the Senate designates April 18, 2009, as 'National Auctioneers Day'.