

fostering public awareness and understanding, educating patients and their families about the congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect to improve their treatment and care, providing appropriate moral support, and encouraging people to become organ donors; and

Whereas volunteers engage in an annual national awareness event held on March 31, making that day an appropriate time to recognize National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 31, 2010, as “National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of a national day to raise public awareness and understanding of the congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect;

(3) recognizes the need for additional research into a cure for the congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to support National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day through appropriate ceremonies and activities, to promote public awareness of the congenital diaphragmatic hernia birth defect, and to foster understanding of the impact of the disease on patients and their families.

HONORING BLACKSTONE VALLEY TOURISM COUNCIL

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 468, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 468) honoring the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council on the celebration of its 25th anniversary.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 468) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 468

Whereas, on April 8, 2010, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding;

Whereas, since 1985, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has been at the forefront of sustainable destination development, community building, resiliency, education, and scholarly research;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council is a non-profit corporation registered as a 501(c)(3) educational organization and is authorized under Section 42-63.1-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws as the State-designated regional tourism development agency for the Blackstone Valley of Rhode Island;

Whereas the development region of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council follows

the length and width of the Blackstone River Watershed, from the many tributaries in southern Massachusetts, to the end of the river at the headwaters of the Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council represents the Rhode Island cities of Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket, and towns of Cumberland, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Smithfield, Glocester, and Burrillville;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley is the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution that began in 1790 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, when Samuel Slater began textile manufacturing in a wooden mill on the banks of the Blackstone River;

Whereas, since its beginning, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council has worked to develop, promote, and expand the economic and community development base for the cities and towns in the Blackstone Valley to create a viable visitor and cultural destination that preserves the historic heritage of the region;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council works as an interpreter and educator of the history and ecology of the Blackstone River, initiates ongoing international relationships of major importance to the region, provides input on future riverfront and economic development, and develops various recreational activities;

Whereas the work that the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council accomplishes benefits from its partnerships with local social and community development organizations, municipalities, regional and State economic development organizations, educational institutions, and National and international entities;

Whereas the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council was the first recipient of the Ulysses Prize from the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) that merits distinction for innovative contributions to tourism policy, sustainable tourism planning, environmental protection and new technologies, and in 2006, the Council received the UNWTO Sbest Certification in tourism governance, the only organization in the United States to earn this certification; and

Whereas, in 2008, the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) recognized the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council with its Tourism for Tomorrow Destination Award, a prestigious sustainable tourism development award, in recognition of the integrated, community-centered, resilient approach of the Council to tourism development and community building: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council on the celebration of its 25th anniversary; and

(2) wishes the Council continued success.

NATIONAL 9-1-1 EDUCATION MONTH

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 482 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 482) designating April 2010 as “National 9-1-1 Education Month.”

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 482) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 482

Whereas 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from police, fire, emergency medical services, or other appropriate emergency response entities;

Whereas in 1967, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice recommended that a “single number should be established” nationwide for reporting emergency situations, and other Federal Government agencies and various governmental officials also supported and encouraged the recommendation;

Whereas in 1968, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (AT&T) announced that it would establish the digits 9-1-1 as the emergency code throughout the United States;

Whereas 9-1-1 was designated by Congress as the national emergency call number under the Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999 (Public Law 106-81; 113 Stat. 1286);

Whereas section 102 of the ENHANCE 911 Act of 2004 (47 U.S.C. 942 note) declared an enhanced 9-1-1 system to be “a high national priority” and part of “our Nation's homeland security and public safety”;

Whereas it is important that policy makers at all levels of government understand the importance of 9-1-1, how the system works today, and the steps that are needed to modernize the 9-1-1 system;

Whereas the 9-1-1 system is the connection between the eyes and ears of the public and the emergency response system in the United States and is often the first place emergencies of all magnitudes are reported, making 9-1-1 a significant homeland security asset;

Whereas more than 6,000 9-1-1 public safety answering points serve more than 3,000 counties and parishes throughout the United States;

Whereas dispatchers at public safety answering points answer more than 200,000,000 9-1-1 calls each year in the United States;

Whereas a growing number of 9-1-1 calls are made using wireless and Internet Protocol-based communications services;

Whereas a growing segment of the population, including the deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and individuals with speech disabilities are increasingly communicating with nontraditional text, video, and instant messaging communications services and expect those services to be able to connect directly to 9-1-1;

Whereas the growth and variety of means of communication, including mobile and Internet Protocol-based systems, impose challenges for accessing 9-1-1 and implementing an enhanced 9-1-1 system and require increased education and awareness about the capabilities of different means of communication;

Whereas numerous other N-1-1 and 800 number services exist for nonemergency situations, including 2-1-1, 3-1-1, 5-1-1, 7-1-1, 8-

1-1, poison control centers, and mental health hotlines, and the public needs to be educated on when to use those services in addition to or instead of 9-1-1;

Whereas international visitors and immigrants make up an increasing percentage of the United States population each year, and visitors and immigrants may have limited knowledge of our emergency calling system;

Whereas people of all ages use 9-1-1 and it is critical to educate those people on the proper use of 9-1-1;

Whereas senior citizens are at high risk for needing to access to 9-1-1 and many senior citizens are learning to use new technology;

Whereas thousands of 9-1-1 calls are made every year by children properly trained in the use of 9-1-1, which saves lives and underscores the critical importance of training children early in life about 9-1-1;

Whereas the 9-1-1 system is often misused, including by the placement of prank and nonemergency calls;

Whereas misuse of the 9-1-1 system results in costly and inefficient use of 9-1-1 and emergency response resources and needs to be reduced;

Whereas parents, teachers, and all other caregivers need to play an active role in 9-1-1 education for children, but will do so only after being first educated themselves;

Whereas there are many avenues for 9-1-1 public education, including safety fairs, school presentations, libraries, churches, businesses, public safety answering point tours or open houses, civic organizations, and senior citizen centers;

Whereas children, parents, teachers, and the National Parent Teacher Association contribute importantly to the education of children about the importance of 9-1-1 through targeted outreach efforts to public and private school systems;

Whereas we as a Nation should strive to host at least 1 educational event regarding the proper use of 9-1-1 in every school in the country every year;

Whereas programs to promote proper use of 9-1-1 during National 9-1-1 Education Month could include—

(1) public awareness events, including conferences and media outreach, training activities for parents, teachers, school administrators, other caregivers and businesses;

(2) educational events in schools and other appropriate venues; and

(3) production and distribution of information about the 9-1-1 system designed to educate people of all ages on the importance and proper use of 9-1-1; and

Whereas the people of the United States deserve the best education regarding the use of 9-1-1: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 2010 as “National 9-1-1 Education Month”; and

(2) urges Government officials, parents, teachers, school administrators, caregivers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies, training events, and activities.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a

period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans controlling the final 30 minutes; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4851, the Continuing Extension Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, rollcall votes are expected to occur throughout the day in an effort to complete action on the bill. As a reminder, cloture motions were filed on the substitute and the bill. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments is 1 p.m. If we are unable to complete the bill tomorrow, we will have a cloture vote on the substitute amendment Friday morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

EDWARD CARROLL DUMONT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT, VICE PAUL R. MICHEL, RETIRING.

JOHN A. GIBNEY, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, VICE ROBERT E. PAYNE, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DONALD J. CAZAYOUX, JR., OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DAVID R. DUGAS.

PAMELA COTHRAN MARSH, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE GREGORY ROBERT MILLER.

ZANE DAVID MEMEGER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE PATRICK LEO MEEHAN.

PETER J. SMITH, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE THOMAS A. MARINO, RESIGNED.

EDWARD L. STANTON, III, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DAVID F. KUSTOFF, RESIGNED.

JOHN F. WALSH, OF COLORADO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE TROY A. EID, RESIGNED.

STEPHEN R. WIGGINTON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE RONALD J. TENPAS, RESIGNED.

HENRY LEE WHITEHORN, SR., OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM R. WHITTINGTON, RESIGNED.

ARTHUR DARROW BAYLOR, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JESSE SEVOYER, JR.

MICHAEL ROBERT BLADEL, OF IOWA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE CHARLES E. BEACH, SR.

KEVIN ANTHONY CARR, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM F. KRUIZIK, RESIGNED.

DARRYL KEITH MCPHERSON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DIS-

TRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE KIM RICHARD WIDUP.

KEVIN CHARLES HARRISON, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM CAREY JENKINS, RETIRED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING—NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED.

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JUDITH HINSHAW SEMILOTA, OF ILLINOIS

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ELIZABETH A. AUTRY, OF VIRGINIA

MICHAEL G. FRANCOM, OF MARYLAND

CARLOS A. GONZALEZ, OF VIRGINIA

ROBIN H. GRAY, OF VIRGINIA

M. MELINDA MEADOR, OF VIRGINIA

COREY W. J. PICKELSIMER, OF VIRGINIA

VALERIE RALPH, OF VIRGINIA

JORGE SANCHEZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

REY S. SANTELLA, OF VIRGINIA

GERALD H. SMITH, OF MARYLAND

KELLY A. STANGE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A. ELISABETH WAGNER, OF GEORGIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EMILIA R. ADAMS, OF TENNESSEE

EMILY CALDWELL ANDERSON, OF NORTH CAROLINA

STEVEN W. ANDERSON, OF NORTH CAROLINA

DAVID E. ARNOLD, OF FLORIDA

QUENTIN R. BARBER, OF INDIANA

OLGA ELENA BASHBUSH, OF VIRGINIA

ALISON WILLIAMS BAUERLEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STEWART WILLIAM BEITZ, OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MONICA SUE BLAND, OF NEBRASKA

ASHLEY LORRAINE BRADY, OF TEXAS

KYLA LAUREN BROOKE, OF CALIFORNIA

MATTHEW K. BUNT, OF WASHINGTON

TODD V. CHRISTIANSEN, OF FLORIDA

MARISA NICOLE COHRS, OF WASHINGTON

KELLY ANN COHUN, OF VERMONT

ELLEN ANNE COLLERAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS

BARBARA HERMINIA CORDERO, OF FLORIDA

CYNDEE J. CROOK, OF WASHINGTON

LYN DEBEVOISE, OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT P. DOYLE III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JEFFREY W. DUFFY, OF PENNSYLVANIA

GOTTLIEB JOHANNES DUWAN, OF VIRGINIA

HEATHER JUNE FARRAR, OF MARYLAND

KANISHKA GANGOPADHYAY, OF MARYLAND

MATTHEW J. GARRETT, OF KANSAS

JEFFREY D. GRINGER, OF WASHINGTON

MATTHEW M. HABINOWSKI III, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PAMELA JANE HACK, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANDREW HALUS, OF PENNSYLVANIA

SEAN R. HANTAK, OF ILLINOIS

ANN MCCAMISH HARDMAN, OF KENTUCKY

BRYAN RH. HARRISON, OF ILLINOIS

IAN HAYWARD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HENRY ALEXANDER HENEGAR III, OF GEORGIA

CHELSIA CHUNSA HETRICK, OF NEW MEXICO

MARILYN J. HELLERAN, OF FLORIDA

BRANDON ALLEN HUDSPETH, OF TEXAS

LILLIANE VERLAGE HUDSPETH, OF TEXAS

BRANDI N. JAMES, OF GEORGIA

GREGORY B. KELLER, OF ARIZONA

ABDUL-RAHMAN KENYATTA, OF FLORIDA

MICHELE ANN KIMPEL GUZMAN, OF CALIFORNIA

DAMON PATRICK KITTERMAN, OF VIRGINIA

SCOTT ERIC KORMEHL, OF PENNSYLVANIA

JUSTIN LEE KOLBEHL, OF CALIFORNIA

ADAM JESSE LENERT, OF TEXAS

AARON I. MARTZ, OF TEXAS

WOSSENYELES MZENGIA, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CAMERON DAVID MCGLOTHLIN, OF NORTH CAROLINA

LUIS F. MENDEZ, OF NEW JERSEY

JOHANNA R. MERLIO, OF NEW JERSEY

LORE J. MICHAELSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ROYA MILLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA

BROOKE SUMMERS MOPPERT, OF FLORIDA

DAVID VAUGHAN MUEHLKE, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DAVID E. MYERS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CHRISTOPHER MARKLEY NYCE, OF CALIFORNIA

TULA CRUZ ORUM, OF CALIFORNIA

C. DARREN PERDUE, OF VIRGINIA

GREGORY WILLIAM PLEGER, JR., OF VIRGINIA

SUSAN M. PLOTT, OF TEXAS

BRIANNA ELIZABETH POWERS, OF FLORIDA

ROBYN KATHERINE PRINZ, OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT ERIC REEVES, OF VIRGINIA

AJ REI-PERINE, OF WASHINGTON

VICTORIA CHARLOTTE REPPERT, OF MASSACHUSETTS

JOHN V. RHATIGAN, OF NEW YORK

KEVIN J. ROSIER, OF LOUISIANA

MELISSA A. SAN MIGUEL, OF CALIFORNIA

AMY CHRISTINE SENNEKE, OF ILLINOIS

EMILY C. SHAFFER, OF VIRGINIA