

that weakened France's immense resources and limited its ability to meddle in America's Civil War. As Mexico sought to defend itself from European aggression, the Battle of Puebla is a reminder for us that the foundation of the United States was also built through fights in which the United States often found itself as the underdog. But through perseverance, the willingness to fight and die for freedom, and the contributions of a diverse cultural mix of Americans from across the globe, we have been made stronger. This is something we should celebrate about our country's history.

This day in history has become especially important in Colorado, where the contributions of many Mexican-American families can be seen throughout our communities. As in years past, towns throughout Colorado and our nation will celebrate with food, educational activities, music and dancing, and I encourage my fellow Coloradans to join in their communities' celebrations.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 441—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 2012 AS NATIONAL YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH**

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. THUNE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 441

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for youth in the United States;

Whereas thousands of youth are injured or die each year in motor vehicle crashes;

Whereas on average, 11 youths die each day in motor vehicle crashes;

Whereas on average, May through August is the deadliest period for youths on our nation's highways;

Whereas on average, 8 of the top 10 deadliest days for youths on our nation's highways were between May and August;

Whereas events such as prom and graduation, and the summer driving season, contribute to the risk of a motor vehicle crash due to an increase in the amount of time youth spend on the road and in celebratory activities;

Whereas it is essential to teach our youths that driving is a privilege and with that privilege comes risks and responsibilities;

Whereas this education is essential to preventing risky behaviors that can result in tragic crashes;

Whereas the National Organizations For Youth Safety (NOYS) established a national youth campaign and National Youth Traffic Safety Month to draw attention to the increased rate of motor vehicle crashes involving youth between May and August, to help enforce youth safe driving laws, and to support youth and community education on youth traffic safety; and

Whereas NOYS invites all youths, families, and communities to participate in National Youth Traffic Safety Month:

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses support for the designation of May 2012 as "National Youth Traffic Safety Month";

(2) supports youth traffic safety awareness; and

(3) encourages people across the United States to observe National Youth Traffic Safety Month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 442—CELEBRATING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY**

Mr. JOHANNES (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 442

Whereas Arbor Day was founded in Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 10, 1872, to recognize the importance of planting trees;

Whereas it is estimated that on the first Arbor Day, more than 1,000,000 trees were planted in the State of Nebraska alone;

Whereas Arbor Day is observed in all 50 States and across the world;

Whereas participating in Arbor Day activities promotes civic participation and highlights the importance of planting and caring for trees and vegetation;

Whereas those activities provide an opportunity to convey to future generations the value of land and stewardship;

Whereas National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday of April each year; and

Whereas April 27, 2012, marks the 140th anniversary of Arbor Day: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes April 27, 2012, as National Arbor Day;

(2) celebrates the 140th anniversary of Arbor Day;

(3) supports the goals and ideals of Arbor Day; and

(4) encourages the people of United States to participate in Arbor Day activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 443—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AUXILIARY BISHOP AGUSTIN ROMAN**

Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 443

Whereas Agustín Román was appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, Florida in 1979, becoming the first Cuban to be appointed bishop in the United States;

Whereas Agustín Román was expelled from Cuba in 1961 by the regime of Fidel Castro, along with many other Roman Catholic priests;

Whereas Agustín Román ministered in Chile for 4 years before coming to Miami, Florida in 1966, where he quickly became a spiritual leader and advocate for the Cuban community in Miami, as well as for many other immigrant communities, including Haitian refugees;

Whereas Agustín Román was fluent in Latin, English, French, and Spanish, and served on the Bishops' Committee for Hispanic Affairs, worked as a hospital chaplain, and became episcopal vicar for the Spanish-speaking people of the Archdiocese of Miami;

Whereas Agustín Román was the son of humble Cuban peasants, which influenced his commitment to humility, tenacity, and unceasing devotion to his ministry in southern Florida;

Whereas Agustín Román was instrumental in the construction of the Shrine of Our

Lady of Charity on Biscayne Bay, which serves as a monument to the patron saint of Cuba, the Virgin of Charity of Cobre, and attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors each year;

Whereas in 1980 Agustín Román served as a mediator during the Mariel boatlift incident, helping more than 100,000 Cubans flee the island and safely resettle in the United States;

Whereas Agustín Román helped negotiate a peaceful resolution to the 1987 riots of Mariel prisoner uprisings in Federal prisons, earning him national recognition for his compassion, gentility, and humble spirit;

Whereas after his retirement at the age of 75, Agustín Román remained active at the Shrine of Our Lady Charity, greeting visitors and responding to letters from fellow Cuban exiles; and

Whereas Agustín Román passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2012: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and honors the life of Agustín Román;

(2) recognizes and honors the spiritual leadership of Agustín Román and his dedication to freedom and faith;

(3) offers heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Agustín Román; and

(4) in memory of Agustín Román, calls on the United States to continue policies that promote respect for the fundamental principles of religious freedom, democracy, and human rights in Cuba, in a manner consistent with the aspirations of the people of Cuba.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 444—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MAY 1 THROUGH MAY 7, 2012, AS "NATIONAL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT WEEK"**

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 444

Whereas a decline in physical activity has contributed to the unprecedented epidemic of childhood obesity, which has more than tripled in the United States since 1980;

Whereas regular physical activity is necessary to support normal and healthy growth in children and is essential to the continued health and well-being of children;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control, overweight adolescents have a 70- to 80-percent chance of becoming overweight adults, increasing their risk for chronic disease, disability, and death;

Whereas physical activity reduces the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and certain types of cancers;

Whereas type 2 diabetes can no longer be referred to as "late in life" or "adult onset" diabetes because type 2 diabetes presently occurs in children as young as 10 years old;

Whereas the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans issued by the Department of Health and Human Services recommend that children engage in at least 60 minutes of physical activity on most, and preferably all, days of the week;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control, only 19 percent of high school students are meeting the goal of 60 minutes of physical activity each day;

Whereas children spend many of their waking hours at school and, as a result, need to be active during the school day to meet the recommendations of the Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans;