

following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 450

Whereas mucopolysaccharidosis (referred to in this resolution as ‘MPS’) are a group of genetically determined lysosomal storage diseases that render the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates;

Whereas MPS diseases cause complex carbohydrates to be stored in almost every cell in the body and progressively cause cellular damage;

Whereas the cellular damage caused by MPS—

(1) adversely affects the human body by damaging the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system; and

(2) often results in intellectual disabilities, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span;

Whereas symptoms of MPS are usually not apparent at birth;

Whereas, without treatment, the life expectancy of an individual afflicted with MPS begins to decrease at a very early stage in the life of the individual;

Whereas research has resulted in the development of limited treatments for some MPS diseases;

Whereas promising advancements in the pursuit of treatments for additional MPS diseases are underway as of the date of agreement to this resolution;

Whereas, despite the creation of new remedies, the blood-brain barrier continues to be a significant impediment to effectively treating the brain, which prevents the treatment of many of the symptoms of MPS;

Whereas the quality of life of the individuals afflicted with MPS, and the treatments available to those individuals, will be enhanced through the development of early detection techniques and early intervention;

Whereas treatments and research advancements for MPS are limited by a lack of awareness about MPS diseases;

Whereas the lack of awareness about MPS diseases extends to individuals within the medical community;

Whereas the cellular damage that is caused by MPS makes MPS a model for the study of many other degenerative genetic diseases; and

Whereas the development of effective therapies and a potential cure for MPS diseases can be accomplished by increased awareness, research, data collection, and information distribution: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 15, 2012, as ‘National MPS Awareness Day’; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of ‘National MPS Awareness Day’.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 451—RECOGNIZING THE GOALS OF NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK AND HONORING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. KIRK, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HELLER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 451

Whereas National Travel and Tourism Week was established in 1983 when Congress passed the Joint Resolution entitled ‘Joint Resolution to designate the week beginning May 27, 1984, as ‘National Tourism Week’’, approved November 29, 1983 (Public Law 98-178; 97 Stat. 1126), which recognized the value of travel and tourism;

Whereas National Travel and Tourism Week is celebrated across the United States from May 5 through 13, 2012;

Whereas more than 120 travel destinations throughout the United States are holding events in honor of National Travel and Tourism Week;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry supports more than 14,000,000 jobs in the United States;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry employs individuals in all 50 States and all the territories of the United States;

Whereas international travel to the United States is the single largest export industry in the country;

Whereas the travel and tourism industry, Congress, and the executive branch have worked to streamline the visa process and make the United States welcoming to visitors from other countries;

Whereas travel and tourism provide significant economic benefits to the United States by generating nearly \$2,000,000,000,000 in annual economic output;

Whereas leisure travel allows individuals to experience the rich cultural heritage and educational opportunities of the United States and its communities; and

Whereas, the immense value of travel and tourism cannot be overstated: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes May 5 through 13, 2012, as National Travel and Tourism Week;

(2) commends the travel and tourism industry for its important contributions to the United States of America; and

(3) commends the employees of the travel and tourism industry for their important contributions to the United States of America.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 452—DESIGNATING JULY 13, 2012, AS ‘COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY’ AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE COLLECTION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC AND CLASSIC CARS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF PRESERVING THE TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE UNITED STATES**

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 452

Whereas many people in the United States maintain classic automobiles as a pastime and do so with great passion and as a means of individual expression;

Whereas the Senate recognizes the effect that the more than 100-year history of the automobile has had on the economic progress of the United States and supports wholeheartedly all activities involved in the restoration and exhibition of classic automobiles;

Whereas the collection, restoration, and preservation of automobiles is an activity shared across generations and across all segments of society;

Whereas thousands of local car clubs and related businesses have been instrumental in preserving a historic part of the heritage of the United States by encouraging the restoration and exhibition of such vintage works of art;

Whereas automotive restoration provides well-paying, high-skilled jobs for people in all 50 States; and

Whereas automobiles have provided the inspiration for music, photography, cinema, fashion, and other artistic pursuits that have become part of the popular culture of the United States: Now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 13, 2012, as ‘Collector Car Appreciation Day’;

(2) recognizes that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to engage in events and commemorations of Collector Car Appreciation Day that create opportunities for collector car owners to educate young people about the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, including through the collection and restoration of collector cars.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 2098. Mr. REID (for Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. WEBB)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria.

**TEXT OF AMENDMENTS**

SA 2098. Mr. REID (for Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. WEBB)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2224, to require the President to report to Congress on issues related to Syria; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

(a) REPORT ON OPPOSITION GROUPS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress a report describing in detail all the known opposition groups, both independent and state-sponsored, inside and outside of Syria, operating directly or indirectly to oppose the Government of Syria.

(2) CONTENT.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

(A) An assessment of the current military capacity of opposition forces.

(B) An assessment of the ability of opposition forces inside and outside of Syria to establish military and political activities impacting Syria, together with a practicable timetable for accomplishing these objectives.

(C) An assessment of the ability of any of the opposition groups to establish effective military and political control in Syria.

(D) A description of the composition and political agenda of each of the known opposition groups inside and outside of Syria, and an assessment of the degree to which such groups represent the views of the people of Syria as a whole.

(E) A description of the financial resources currently available to opposition groups and known potential sources of continued financing.

(F) An assessment of the relationship between each of the Syrian opposition groups