

Russell National School Lunch Act to establish a permanent, nationwide summer electronic benefits transfer for children program.

S. 2373

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2373, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for conducting or supporting research on firearms safety or gun violence prevention.

S. 2449

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2449, a bill to reauthorize certain provisions of the Public Health Service Act relating to autism, and for other purposes.

S. 2483

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2483, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect more victims of domestic violence by preventing their abusers from possessing or receiving firearms, and for other purposes.

S. 2508

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2508, a bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to assist countries in sub-Saharan Africa to improve access to and the affordability, reliability, and sustainability of power, and for other purposes.

S. 2541

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2541, a bill to allow additional appointing authorities to select individuals from competitive service certificates.

S. 2547

At the request of Ms. HEITKAMP, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2547, a bill to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads, and for other purposes.

S. 2569

At the request of Mr. WALSH, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2569, a bill to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America.

S. 2598

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2598, a bill to amend title

18, United States Code, to clarify and expand Federal criminal jurisdiction over Federal contractors and employees outside the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2624

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2624, a bill to provide additional visas for the Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2625

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. WALSH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2625, a bill to establish certain duties for pharmacies to ensure provision of Food and Drug Administration-approved contraception, and for other purposes.

S. 2630

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2630, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 489

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 489, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Growth Awareness Week".

S. RES. 498

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 498, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States support for the State of Israel as it defends itself against unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization.

S. RES. 502

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Ms. HEITKAMP), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 502, a resolution concerning the suspension of exit permit issuance by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo for adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 509—HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY AND COURAGEOUS LIFE OF MATTIE STEPANEK

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

S. RES. 509

Whereas Matthew "Mattie" Joseph Thaddeus Stepanek, was born on July 17, 1990, in Rockville, Maryland;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek was born with a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy—Dysautonomic Mitochondrial Myopathy;

Whereas the siblings of Mattie Stepanek—Katie, Stevie, and Jamie—were diagnosed with the same rare disease;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek began writing poetry, short stories, and essays to deal with grief over the death of his siblings;

Whereas the writings of Mattie Stepanek reflected his deep understanding of our ever-evolving world and the need for hope and peace;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek became a 7-time New York Times best-selling author;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek gave inspiration and educational speeches to audiences ranging from school children to business leaders and politicians;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek spoke about spirituality, disability, education, and health care, delivering a message of hope and peace to his audiences;

Whereas the words of Mattie Stepanek inspired millions of people around the world, including the 39th President of the United States, who was a friend of Mattie and delivered his eulogy;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek engaged in public service, working with Children's Hospice International to improve guidelines for the health and hospice care of children and serving as a 3-term National Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek has been honored with numerous awards, during his lifetime and posthumously, including the Children's Hope Medal of Honor and induction into the Kids Hall of Fame;

Whereas Mattie Stepanek passed away on June 22, 2004, at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.;

Whereas the mother of Mattie continues to raise awareness about the message of hope and peace that Mattie delivered and led the effort to create the Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park in Rockville, Maryland;

Whereas the Mattie Stepanek Foundation celebrates July 17th as "Mattie Stepanek World Peace Day"; and

Whereas recognizing the 24th birthday of Mattie Stepanek honors the compassion and dedication to hope that Mattie embodied: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate honors the extraordinary life and legacy of Matthew "Mattie" Stepanek.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3570. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2094, to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SA 3571. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2094, supra; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SA 3572. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2094, supra; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SA 3573. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for