

resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 59

Whereas Charles Darwin developed the theory of evolution by the mechanism of natural selection, which, together with the monumental amount of scientific evidence Charles Darwin compiled to support the theory, provides humanity with a logical and intellectually compelling explanation for the diversity of life on Earth;

Whereas the validity of the theory of evolution by natural selection developed by Charles Darwin is further strongly supported by the modern understanding of the science of genetics;

Whereas it has been the human curiosity and ingenuity exemplified by Charles Darwin that has promoted new scientific discoveries that have helped humanity solve many problems and improve living conditions;

Whereas the advancement of science must be protected from those unconcerned with the adverse impacts of global warming and climate change;

Whereas the teaching of creationism in some public schools compromises the scientific and academic integrity of the education systems of the United States;

Whereas Charles Darwin is a worthy symbol of scientific advancement on which to focus and around which to build a global celebration of science and humanity intended to promote a common bond among all the people of the Earth; and

Whereas February 12, 2017, is the anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin in 1809 and would be an appropriate date to designate as "Darwin Day": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of "Darwin Day"; and

(2) recognizes Charles Darwin as a worthy symbol on which to celebrate the achievements of reason, science, and the advancement of human knowledge.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REED. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Daniel McCartney, a fellow in my office, be granted privileges of the floor for this session of Congress.

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

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 110-315, announces the appointment of the following individual to be a member of the National Academy Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity: Claude Pressnell of Tennessee.

#### DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—H.R. 590

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 590, the Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Act of 2017, be discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

#### NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 44 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 bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 44) designating February 6 through 10, 2017, as "National School Counseling Week."

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 44) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 3, 2017, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### AMERICAN HEART MONTH AND NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 45 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 bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 45) designating February 2017 as "American Heart Month" and February 3, 2017, as "National Wear Red Day."

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 45) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 3, 2017, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### SUPPORTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 47 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 bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 47) supporting the contributions of Catholic schools.

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 47) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of February 3, 2017, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### CONGRATULATING THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS ON THEIR VICTORY IN SUPER BOWL LI

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 58, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 58) congratulating the New England Patriots on their victory in Super Bowl LI.

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 58) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### PERMITTING USE OF THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair lay before the Senate H. Con. Res. 18, which was received from the House.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 18) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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