

**SENATE RESOLUTION 252—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2017 AS “NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH”**

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

S. RES. 252

Whereas more than 285,000 individuals in the United States live with spinal cord injuries, which cost society billions of dollars in health care costs and lost wages;

Whereas there are approximately 17,500 new spinal cord injuries in the United States each year;

Whereas more than 40,000 spinal cord injury victims are veterans who suffered a spinal cord injury while serving in the Armed Forces;

Whereas motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries and the third leading cause of traumatic brain injuries;

Whereas more than 50 percent of all spinal cord injuries to children under the age of 18 occur as a result of motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas there is an urgent need to develop new neuroprotection, pharmacological, and regeneration treatments to reduce, prevent, and reverse paralysis; and

Whereas increased education and investment in research are key factors in improving outcomes for victims of spinal cord injuries, improving the quality of life of victims of spinal cord injuries, and ultimately curing paralysis: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2017 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month;

(3) continues to support research to find better treatments, therapies, and a cure for spinal cord injuries;

(4) supports clinical trials for new therapies that offer promise and hope to individuals living with paralysis; and

(5) commends the dedication of national, regional, and local organizations, researchers, doctors, volunteers, and people across the United States that are working to improve the quality of life of individuals living with spinal cord injuries and their families.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 253—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18, 2017, AS “NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK”**

Mr. SCHUMER (for Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. HELLER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. HEINRICH)) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 253

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of not less than 25 percent Hispanic students;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many underprivileged students and helping those students attain their full potential through higher education;

Whereas more than 470 Hispanic-Serving Institutions operate in the United States;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions represent just 13 percent of all nonprofit institutions of higher education, yet serve more than 63 percent of all Hispanic undergraduate students, enrolling, in 2014, more than 1,750,000 Hispanic undergraduate students and more than 86,000 Hispanic graduate students;

Whereas the number of “emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions”, defined as institutions that do not yet meet the threshold of 25 percent Hispanic enrollment but serve a Hispanic student population of between 15 and 24 percent, grew to more than 300 colleges and universities in 2014;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 18 States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and emerging Hispanic-Serving Institutions are located in 33 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are actively involved in stabilizing and improving the communities in which the institutions are located;

Whereas Hispanic-Serving Institutions are leading efforts to increase Hispanic participation in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to the United States strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United States and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

(2) designates the week beginning September 18, 2017, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 254—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF PIETRO “PETE” VICH DOMENICI, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HATCH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs.

MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCOTT, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STRANGE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 254

Whereas Pete V. Domenici was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1932; graduated from the University of New Mexico and Denver University Law School; and practiced law in Albuquerque;

Whereas Pete V. Domenici was elected to the Albuquerque City Commission in 1966, and as Chairman in 1967;

Whereas Pete V. Domenici was first elected to the United States Senate in 1972 and served six terms as a Senator from the State of New Mexico with honor and distinction, making him the longest serving Senator in New Mexico history;

Whereas Pete V. Domenici served the Senate as Chairman of the Committee on the Budget for the One Hundred Fourth through One Hundred Sixth Congresses, and during the One Hundred Seventh Congress;

Whereas Pete V. Domenici served the Senate as Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for the One Hundred Eighth and One Hundred Ninth Congresses;

Whereas Pete V. Domenici fought tirelessly to balance the federal budget and was a strong advocate of nuclear energy;

Whereas Pete V. Domenici played an essential role in pursuing mental health parity in health insurance coverage, working across the aisle to pass such legislation in 2007: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Pete V. Domenici, former member of the United States Senate.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Pete V. Domenici.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 1002. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1003. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2810, *supra*.

SA 1004. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1005. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2810, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1006. Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1003 proposed by Mr.