

with security issues that are better handled at the State and local level. While National Guard mobilized in this manner receive the general benefits of active duty military personnel, such as VA Veterans status and Tricare family health insurance, they do not receive the additional benefit of civil relief under the SSCRA.

In Minnesota, soldiers have received orders to provide protection at airports until as late as March 28, 2002. These soldiers are serving in a full-time status, six to seven days per week. While the Minnesota National Guard initially began providing security at the Minneapolis/St. Paul, Duluth and Rochester airports, they were recently informed that they will provide security at five additional Minnesota airports. This means they will spend less time with their families and employers. Some of them face the real possibility of financial ruin due to their time away from work. They have mortgages and car payments, things they may have easily expected to be able to pay. Some have college debt and others child support payments. Many have taken pay cuts to leave their professions to come out and protect our airports, to protect us. We must act now to provide them the civil relief they rightly deserve. And we must be aware that National Guard units may soon be asked to secure other facilities such as power plants and water treatment facilities in the near future. Addressing these issues now will ease the burden placed upon these soldiers now and in the future.

It is my belief that the SSCRA was never meant to purposely exclude National Guard mobilized in the manner they have been today, we simply could never have imagined the need for round-the-clock security at our airports when this Act was written. September 11 changed so many things for us. And it is time we change the SSCRA to ensure we provide benefits to protect those who are protecting us.

STATEMENTS ON SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 178—CONGRATULATING BARRY BONDS ON HIS SPECTACULAR RECORD-BREAKING SEASON IN 2001 AND OUTSTANDING CAREER IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 178

Whereas Barry Bonds has brought distinction to Major League Baseball and excellence to the San Francisco Giants, following in the baseball footsteps of his father, Bobby Bonds, and his godfather, Willie Mays;

Whereas Barry Bonds has had an outstanding career that so far includes 3 Most Valuable Player awards, 10 All-Star Game appearances, 8 Rawlings Gold Glove awards, and the distinction of being named Player of

the Decade for the 1990s by the Sporting News;

Whereas in 2001, Barry Bonds had 1 of the greatest seasons in Major League Baseball history, achieving 73 home runs, a slugging average of .863, and an on-base percentage of .515;

Whereas Barry Bonds has established himself as the most prolific single-season home run hitter in Major League Baseball history, hitting his 73d home run on October 7, 2001, eclipsing the previous record of 70 home runs set by Mark McGwire in 1998;

Whereas Barry Bonds has attained the rank of 7th place on the all-time Major League Baseball home run list with 567;

Whereas Barry Bonds drove in 136 runs to set a Giants franchise record for runs batted in by a left fielder, and has recorded at least 100 RBI's in each of 10 different seasons;

Whereas of Barry Bonds's 73 home runs, 24 gave San Francisco the lead and 7 tied the game;

Whereas Barry Bonds also hit the 500th home run of his career during the 2001 season, a 2-run game-winning home run which landed in the waters of McCovey Cove, San Francisco;

Whereas Barry Bonds, at age 37, is the oldest player in Major League Baseball history to hit more than 50, 60, and 70 home runs in a single season;

Whereas Barry Bonds has recorded 484 stolen bases in his career, becoming the only Major League Baseball player to both hit more than 400 home runs and steal more than 400 bases;

Whereas Barry Bonds's 233 stolen bases achieved while playing for San Francisco place him 6th on the Giants franchise list behind his father, Bobby, who is 5th with 263 stolen bases;

Whereas Barry Bonds has proven himself to be an active leader not only in the Giants clubhouse but also in the community, donating approximately \$100,000 to the September 11th Fund to aid the victims of the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania; and

Whereas Barry Bonds has also devoted his time and money to support the Link & Learn Program of the United Way, and has been an active participant in numerous other San Francisco Bay area community efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates Barry Bonds on his spectacular record-breaking season in 2001 and outstanding career in Major League Baseball;

(2) wishes Barry Bonds continued success in the seasons to come; and

(3) thanks Barry Bonds for his contributions to baseball and to his community.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, I rise today to submit a resolution congratulating Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants for his historic achievements during the 2001 baseball season and to thank him for his contributions to baseball and his community.

On October 7, 2001 at Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco, Barry Bonds hit his 73rd home run, setting a new record for most home runs in a season, eclipsing the previous mark of 70 set by Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1998. In addition, during the 2001 campaign Barry Bonds set records for slugging percentage, 16 points above the previous mark, and most walks in a season, surpassing the feats of the immortal Babe Ruth.

Barry Bonds' outstanding play on the field added to what was already a Hall of Fame career: 3 Most Valuable Player awards, 567 career home runs, 7th on the all-time list, the only player with more than 400 home runs and 400 stolen bases, 10 All-Star Game appearances, 8 Gold Glove awards, and the Sporting News' Player of the Decade for the 1990s.

As a native San Franciscan and lifelong San Francisco Giants fan, I could not be prouder of Barry Bonds. His roots in California and the Bay Area run deep. Born in Riverside, he grew up in San Mateo and attended Sierra High School. After attending Arizona State University and beginning his career with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Barry Bonds returned to his hometown team, the Giants, in 1993.

No one should be surprised that Barry Bonds has reached the elite level of baseball players. After all, he is the son of former major league star and San Francisco Giant, Bobby Bonds, and the godson of perhaps the greatest living ball player, the great Willie Mays.

His exploits in baseball are matched by his dedication to the community off the field. Seven years ago he founded the Barry Bonds Family Foundation, headed by his mother, Pat Bonds. The Foundation supports activities and programs opportunities of African American youth in the Bay Area. Barry Bonds and his Foundation are particularly involved in the United Way's "Link and Learn", a program dedicated to raising student achievement through greater parental involvement, access to tutoring and interactive technology.

All baseball fans, even those of the Los Angeles Dodgers, can appreciate Barry Bonds' breathtaking skill, record setting performance, and commitment to his community. During a difficult time for our country, he gave us a reason to return to the ballpark and cheer him on the way to a new home run record. All over the country, fans rose from their seats for every at-bat, celebrated each home run, and even booed their own teams when they intentially walked him.

At 37 years old, he is in the prime of his baseball career and I am sure he will amaze and dazzle us many more times in the future.

Again, I congratulate Barry Bonds for his season and thank him for all that he has done for baseball and his community. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 179—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING ENSURING QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR OUR NATION'S VETERANS

Mr. BOND submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

S. RES. 179

Whereas, President George W. Bush and the United States Senate designated this