

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.J. Res. 13, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 13) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 13) was read the third time and passed.

NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 25, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 25) designating January 2003 as "National Mentoring Month".

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 25) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 25

Whereas mentors serve as role models, advocates, friends, and advisors to youth in need;

Whereas numerous studies and research document that mentors help youth augment social skills and emotional well-being, improve cognitive skills, and plan for the future;

Whereas, for some youth, having a caring adult mentor to turn to for guidance and encouragement can make the crucial difference between success and failure in life;

Whereas 17,600,000 youth, nearly half the youth population, want or need mentors to help them reach their full potential;

Whereas there exists a large "mentoring gap" of unmet needs, as evidenced by the fact that just 2,500,000 youth are in formal mentoring relationships, leaving 15,000,000 youth still in need of mentors;

Whereas the celebration of National Mentoring Month will institutionalize the Nation's commitment to mentoring and raise awareness of mentoring in various forms;

Whereas a month-long focus on mentoring will tap into the vast pool of potential mentors and motivate adults to take action to help a youth;

Whereas National Mentoring Month will encourage organizations of all kinds—businesses, faith communities, government agencies, schools, and other organizations—to engage their constituents in mentoring; and

Whereas the celebration of that month would above all encourage more people to volunteer as mentors, to the benefit of the Nation's youth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of January 2003 as "National Mentoring Month"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of and volunteer involvement with youth mentoring.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE SERVICE OF ARTHUR J. RYNEARSON

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 33, which was submitted earlier today by Senators STEVENS and BYRD.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 33) expressing the gratitude of the United States Senate for the service of Arthur J. Ryneerson, Deputy Legislative Counsel of the United States Senate.

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

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I rise to commend Mr. Art Ryneerson, the Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate, who retires on January 31, 2003, after serving in the Senate for more than 26 years, including more than 3 years as Deputy Legislative Counsel.

As President pro tempore of the Senate, it is my pleasure to oversee the work of the Office of the Legislative Counsel. I appreciate the great dedication and professionalism Art Ryneerson has displayed in his role as an attorney in the Office and in his service as Deputy Legislative Counsel.

The Office of Legislative Counsel plays a very important role in the legislative process. We all rely upon the attorneys in the office to provide legislative drafts to effectively carry out our legislative policy. Mr. Ryneerson, in his role as Deputy Legislative Counsel, has helped to see that we are all served well by a professional, career, and nonpartisan staff.

In addition to his service as Deputy Legislative Counsel, Art Ryneerson served for more than 26 years as the principal drafter in the Senate on virtually all matters relating to international relations, international security, immigration and the State Department, and all matters relating to

Senate consideration of international treaties. He served the Senate well in that regard, with a commanding knowledge of international law and the dedication to put in long hours in service of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. President, I am proud to sponsor this resolution, and I am proud to have known and worked with Art Ryneerson. He has served his Nation well for over 28 years, including 2 years with the Library of Congress. I wish Art and his wife, Mary Linda, the very best for the future, especially time spent enjoying their retirement.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am proud to cosponsor with Senator STEVENS a resolution commending Mr. Art Ryneerson who is retiring as Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate on January 31, 2003. I have had the pleasure of working with Art on many laws relating to foreign policy matters.

I wish to join with Senator STEVENS, and with all Senators, in expressing our deepest gratitude to Art Ryneerson for his long years of service to the United States Senate. He has been part of the Office of Legislative Counsel for more than 26 years, including the last 4 as Deputy Legislative Counsel; and during that time he has provided valuable assistance to me and to my staff.

While overseeing the Office of Legislative Counsel as President pro tempore, I appreciated the great dedication and professionalism Art Ryneerson displayed in carrying out his duties and responsibilities. I know that his departure will leave a void that is difficult to fill as he is truly a part of the institutional memory of the Senate. In passing this resolution, the Senate recognizes his years of commitment to the Senate.

Mr. President, I wish Art Ryneerson and his wife, Mary Linda, well in his retirement.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BROWNBACK and myself, we welcome this opportunity to honor the outstanding career and contributions of a truly dedicated and gifted member of our Senate family, the Deputy Legislative Counsel of the Senate, Art Ryneerson.

Many of us have been very grateful to Mr. Ryneerson over the years for his superb assistance in preparing legislation on foreign affairs. His many accomplishments in this area include drafting, editing, and organizing the 2003 Foreign Relations Authorization Act, the Iran-Libya Act, the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986; the Senate conditions to the Protocols for the Expansion of NATO, the Chemical Weapons Convention, the START Treaty, and the Panama Canal Treaties.

Senator BROWNBACK and I, and all the members of the Immigration Subcommittee, are especially grateful to Mr. Ryneerson for his skillful work in legislation on immigration, naturalization, and refugee affairs. Mr. Ryneerson's thoughtful insight, and his