

(1) designating the week beginning September 14, 2003, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically black colleges and universities in the United States.

The resolution (S. Res. 204) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 204

Whereas tens of millions of Americans have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during the past century;

Whereas hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces during the past century;

Whereas the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by Americans;

Whereas the advent of the all-volunteer Armed Forces has resulted in a sharp decline in the number of individuals and families who have had any personal connection with the Armed Forces;

Whereas this reduction in familiarity with the Armed Forces has resulted in a marked decrease in the awareness by young people of the nature and importance of the accomplishments of those who have served in the Armed Forces, despite the current educational efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the veterans service organizations;

Whereas the system of civilian control of the Armed Forces makes it essential that the future leaders of the Nation understand the history of military action and the contributions and sacrifices of those who conduct such actions; and

Whereas, on November 6, 2002, President George W. Bush issued a proclamation urging all Americans to observe November 10 through November 16, 2002, as National Veterans Awareness Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL VETERANS AWARENESS WEEK.

(a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as "National Veterans Awareness Week".

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests the President to issue a proclamation—

(1) designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2003, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" for the purpose of emphasizing educational efforts directed at elementary and secondary school students concerning the contributions and sacrifices of veterans; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States to observe National Veterans Awareness Week with appropriate educational activities.

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY
MONTH

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 25.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary, supporting the designation of an "American Jewish History Month," and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the resolution be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 1539) was agreed to, as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That Congress—

(1) recognizes the 350th anniversary of the American Jewish community;

(2) supports the designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; and

(3) urges all Americans to share in this commemoration so as to have a greater appreciation of the role the American Jewish community has had in helping to defend and further the liberties and freedom of all Americans.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 25

Whereas in 1654, Jewish refugees from Brazil arrived on North American shores and formally established North America's first Jewish community in New Amsterdam, now New York City;

Whereas America welcomed Jews among the millions of immigrants that streamed through our Nation's history;

Whereas the waves of Jewish immigrants arriving in America helped shape our Nation; Whereas the American Jewish community has been intimately involved in our Nation's civic, social, economic, and cultural life;

Whereas the American Jewish community has sought to actualize the broad principles of liberty and justice that are enshrined in the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the American Jewish community is an equal participant in the religious life of our Nation;

Whereas American Jews have fought valiantly for the United States in every one of our Nation's military struggles, from the American Revolution to Operation Enduring Freedom;

Whereas not less than 16 American Jews have received the Medal of Honor;

Whereas 2004 marks the 350th anniversary of the American Jewish community;

Whereas the Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records Administration, the American Jewish Historical Society, and the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives have formed "The Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History" (referred to in this resolution as the "Commission") to mark this historic milestone;

Whereas the Commission will use the combined resources of its participants to promote the celebration of the Jewish experience in the United States throughout 2004; and

Whereas the Commission is designating September 2004 as "American Jewish History Month": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

【(1) recognizes—

【(A) the 350th anniversary of the American Jewish community; and

【(B) "The Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History" and its efforts to plan, coordinate, and execute commemorative events celebrating 350 years of American Jewish history;

【(2) supports the designation of an "American Jewish History Month"; and

【(3) urges all Americans to share in this commemoration so as to have a greater appreciation of the role the American Jewish community has had in helping to defend and further the liberties and freedom of all Americans.】

NATIONAL MISSING ADULT
AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 213, introduced earlier today by Senator LINCOLN.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 213) designating August 2003, as National Missing Adult Awareness Month.

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

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 213) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 213

Whereas our Nation must acknowledge that missing adults are a growing group of victims, who range in age from young adults to senior citizens and reach across all lifestyles;

Whereas every missing adult has the right to be searched for and to be remembered, regardless of the adult's age;

Whereas our world does not suddenly become a safe haven when an individual becomes an adult;

Whereas there are tens of thousands of endangered or involuntarily missing adults over the age of 17 in our Nation, and daily, more victims are reported missing;

Whereas the majority of missing adults are unrecognized and unrepresented;

Whereas our Nation must become aware that there are endangered and involuntarily missing adults, and each one of these individuals is worthy of recognition and deserving of a diligent search and thorough investigation;

Whereas every missing adult is someone's beloved grandparent, parent, child, sibling, or dearest friend;

Whereas families, law enforcement agencies, communities, and States should unite

to offer much needed support and to provide a strong voice for the endangered and involuntarily missing adults of our Nation;

Whereas we must support and encourage the citizens of our Nation to continue with efforts to awaken our Nation's awareness to the plight of our missing adults;

Whereas we must improve and promote reporting procedures involving missing adults and unidentified deceased persons; and

Whereas our Nation's awareness, acknowledgment, and support of missing adults, and encouragement of efforts to continue our search for these adults, must continue from this day forward: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates August 2003, as "National Missing Adult Awareness Month"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

CONGRATULATING LANCE ARMSTRONG FOR WINNING THE 2003 TOUR DE FRANCE

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 214, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 214) congratulating Lance Armstrong for winning the 2003 Tour de France.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 214) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 214

Whereas Lance Armstrong won the 2003 Tour de France, the 100th anniversary of the race, by completing the 2,125-mile, 23-day course in 83 hours, 41 minutes, and 12 seconds, finishing 1 minute and 1 second ahead of his nearest competitor;

Whereas Lance Armstrong's win on July 27, 2003, marks his fifth Tour de France victory;

Whereas, with this victory, Lance Armstrong joined Miguel Indurain as the only riders in history to win cycling's most prestigious race in 5 consecutive years;

Whereas Lance Armstrong displayed incredible perseverance, determination, and leadership in prevailing over the mountainous terrain of the Alps and Pyrenees and in overcoming crashes, illness, hard-charging rivals, and driving rain on the way to winning the premier cycling event in the world;

Whereas, in 1997, Lance Armstrong defeated choriocarcinoma, an aggressive form of testicular cancer that had spread throughout his abdomen, lungs, and brain, and after treatment has remained cancer-free for the past 6 years;

Whereas Lance Armstrong is the first cancer survivor to win the Tour de France;

Whereas Lance Armstrong's courage and resolution to overcome cancer has made him a role model to cancer patients and their loved ones, and his efforts through the Lance Armstrong Foundation have helped to advance cancer research, diagnosis, and treatment, and after-treatment services;

Whereas Lance Armstrong continues to be the face of cycling as a sport, a healthy fitness activity, and a pollution-free transportation alternative; and

Whereas Lance Armstrong's accomplishments as an athlete, teammate, cancer survivor, and advocate have made him an inspiration to millions of people around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates Lance Armstrong and the United States Postal Service team on their historic victory in the 2003 Tour de France; and

(2) commends the unwavering commitment to cancer awareness and survivorship demonstrated by Lance Armstrong.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Lance Armstrong.

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION BY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL IN THE CASE OF WAGNER V. UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 215, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 215) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Wagner v. United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, et al.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 215) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 215

Whereas, the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Senator Orrin G. Hatch have been named as defendants in the case of Wagner v. United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, et al., No. 1:03CV01225 (RMU), pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend in civil actions Committees of the Senate, and Members of the Senate relating to the Members' official responsibilities: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary and Senator Orrin G. Hatch in the case of Wagner v.

United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, et al.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TREATIES

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following treaties on today's Executive Calendar: Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

I further ask consent that the treaties be considered as having passed through their various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; that any committee conditions, declaration, or reservations be agreed to as applicable; that any statements in regard to these treaties be printed in the RECORD as if read; and that the Senate take one vote on the resolution of ratifications to be considered as separate votes; further, that when the resolutions of ratification are voted upon, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be notified of the Senate's action, and that following the disposition of the treaties, the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The treaties will be considered to have passed through their various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification.

The resolutions of ratification are as follows:

Resolutions of Ratification as approved by the Senate:

Agreement with Russian Federation concerning Polar Bear Population (Treaty Doc. 107-10)

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a condition.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population, done at Washington October 16, 2000 (T. Doc. 107-10, in this resolution referred to as the "Agreement"), subject to the condition in section 2.

Sec. 2. Condition.

The advice and consent of the Senate to the ratification of the Agreement is subject to the condition that the Secretary of State shall promptly notify the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in any instance that, pursuant to Article 3 of the Agreement, the Contracting Parties modify the area to which the Agreement applies. Any such notice shall include the text of the modification and information regarding the reasons for the modification.

Agreement Amending Treaty with Canada Concerning Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges (Treaty Doc. 108-1)

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

That the Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Agreement Amending