

dedication to God, family, community and country.

As the National Capital Planning Commission states: "the memorials and museums that define Washington's Monumental Core express America's connections to its past and its direction for the future. They help us understand what it means to be an American."

As a proud American, I want to ensure that every individual who visits Washington has a chance to learn the full history of who we are and who we are becoming as Americans. It is my hope that the Senate can work to pass this important bill that will record and preserve our shared American history.

In the coming months, I will work with the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee to advance the Commission bill. I look forward to speaking with my Senate colleagues about the Commission bill, and hope we can take the important step of establishing the Commission.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 412—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE NATION DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, MAY 1 THROUGH 7, 2006

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CARPER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 412

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of public servants and honor the men and women who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas millions of individuals work in government service in every city, county, and State across America and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

Whereas Federal, State, and local governments are responsive, innovative, and effective because of the outstanding work of public servants;

Whereas the United States of America is a great and prosperous Nation, and public service employees contribute significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the Nation benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas public servants—

(1) provide vital strategic support functions to our military and serve in the National Guard and Reserves;

(2) fight crime and fire;

(3) ensure equal access to secure, efficient, and affordable mail service;

(4) deliver social security and medicare benefits;

(5) fight disease and promote better health;

(6) protect the environment and the Nation's parks;

(7) enforce laws guaranteeing equal employment opportunities and healthy working conditions;

(8) defend and secure critical infrastructure;

(9) help the Nation recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;

(10) teach and work in our schools and libraries;

(11) improve and secure our transportation systems;

(12) keep the Nation's economy stable; and

(13) defend our freedom and advance United States interests around the world;

Whereas members of the uniformed services and civilian employees at all levels of government make significant contributions to the general welfare of the United States, and are on the front lines in the fight against terrorism and in maintaining homeland security;

Whereas public servants work in a professional manner to build relationships with other countries and cultures in order to better represent America's interests and promote American ideals;

Whereas public servants alert Congress and the public to government waste, fraud, abuse, and dangers to public health;

Whereas the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those skilled trade and craft Federal employees who provide support to their efforts, are committed to doing their jobs regardless of the circumstances, and contribute greatly to the security of the Nation and the world;

Whereas public servants have bravely fought in armed conflict in defense of this Nation and its ideals and deserve the care and benefits they have earned through their honorable service;

Whereas government workers have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas, and serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants;

Whereas May 1 through 7, 2006, has been designated Public Service Recognition Week to honor America's Federal, State, and local government employees; and

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week is celebrating its 22nd anniversary through job fairs, student activities, and agency exhibits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends public servants for their outstanding contributions to this great Nation during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year;

(2) salutes their unyielding dedication and spirit for public service;

(3) honors those government employees who have given their lives in service to their country;

(4) calls upon a new generation of workers to consider a career in public service as an honorable profession; and

(5) encourages efforts to promote public service careers at all levels of government.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I stand in recognition of America's public servants who provide the essential, often unseen services on which our great country thrives. As the ranking member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, I am honored to submit a resolution paying tribute to these employees in celebration of Public Service Recognition Week. I am delighted to be joined by

the leadership of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Senators VOINOVICH, COLLINS, LIEBERMAN, COLEMAN, LEVIN, COBURN, and CARPER.

The 22nd anniversary of Public Service Recognition Week, which takes place the week of May 1, 2006, showcases the talented individuals who serve their country as Federal, State and local government employees, both civilian and military. From Hawaii to Maine, throughout the Nation and around the world, America's public employees use this week to showcase the exciting challenges of a career in public service and demonstrate how government workers create a brighter future for us all.

Public servants perform essential services that our nation relies on every day. They care for our veterans, protect our public lands, ensure the safety of our food and water, and deliver the mail and needed medical supplies, in addition to countless additional tasks.

Over the past few years we have all been reminded of the remarkable work of public servants, including our men and women in uniform. Their steadfast devotion to the defense of this Nation and the ideals we hold most dear is commendable. Nearly 2,600 military and Department of Defense civilian employees have lost their lives since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The sacrifice of these brave men and women remain a constant reminder of the courage with which the members of our Armed Forces serve. Nor should we forget those Federal civilian employees who work side-by-side with our troops abroad and provide needed support for their mission. Military and civilian employees alike continue to earn our admiration with their unwavering strength and dedication.

The men and women who serve in the Coast Guard exemplify public service as demonstrated by their tireless efforts to rescue the people trapped in their homes by the flood waters from Hurricane Katrina.

Another example of the countless contributions public servants give to the Nation is Orlando Figueroa, the Deputy Associate Administrator for Programs, Science Mission Directorate, at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who led the Mars Exploration Rover Project. Mr. Figueroa and his team created a mobile science lab used to conduct remote exploration on the surface of another planet, which allowed the exploration of regions beyond the original landing site. This fantastic accomplishment has produced a wealth of scientific discoveries revealing Mars as a potential habitat. The work of Mr. Figueroa and other Federal scientists spark the imagination, fuel the human spirit, and inspire us to pursue even greater things.

President John F. Kennedy said, "Let the public service be a proud and lively career." While Public Service

Recognition week provides the opportunity to honor and celebrate the works of our Federal employees, it also serves as a time to call upon a new generation of Americans to explore the opportunities of such a "proud and lively career." Through job fairs, agency sponsored events, and special exhibits, Public Service Recognition Week allows individuals from all walks of life to gain a deeper appreciation of the challenging, exciting, and rewarding work available in the federal government.

I encourage my colleagues to bring to light the works and services of the federal employees in their states and join in this annual celebration.

SENATE RESOLUTION 413—COMMENDING THE VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE MARLINS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2006 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION III NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 413

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of Virginia Wesleyan College are to be congratulated for their commitment to and pride in the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins National Champion men's basketball team;

Whereas the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship game against the Wittenberg University Tigers concluded a 28 game winning streak for the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins, the longest in the nation, resulting in an impressive record of 30-3;

Whereas the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins won the 2005 NCAA Division III National Basketball Championship with an outstanding second half when junior forward Brandon Adair made two free throws to tie the game at 56 with 49 seconds to play, allowing sophomore guard Ton Ton Balenga to score the final points with less than three seconds to play, giving Virginia Wesleyan the 59-56 victory;

Whereas the Virginia Wesleyan Marlins added the Division III title to consecutive Old Dominion Athletic Conference titles;

Whereas every player on the Virginia Wesleyan basketball team—Ken Cizek, D'Juan Tucker, Thomas Sumpter, Tory Green, Terrell Dixon, Marques Fitch, Ari' Paschal, Ton Ton Balenga, Brandon Adair, Rodney Young, Tyler Fantin, Devver Miller, Norman Hassell, Matt Towell, Zac Green, Travis Klink, and Marcus Riley—contributed to the team's success in this impressive championship season;

Whereas the Marlins outstanding, creative and motivational basketball Head Coach David Macedo was named the 2006 D3hoops.com Coach of the Year, and has had a successful six year tenure as Virginia Wesleyan's head coach, with a record of 124-45;

Whereas Assistant Coaches David Doino and Brad Dunleavy deserve high commendation for their strong leadership of, and superb coaching support to, the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins men's basketball team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins men's basketball team for

winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III, National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of Head coach David Macedo, Assistant Coaches David Doino and Brad Dunleavy, and all the team's players; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to David Macedo, Head Coach of the National Champion Virginia Wesleyan College Marlins and a copy to the Virginia Wesleyan President William T. Greer, Jr.

SENATE RESOLUTION 414—CELEBRATING THE MUSICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF COUNTRY MUSIC AND RECOGNIZING THE "COUNTRY: A CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S MUSIC" FESTIVAL AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 414

Whereas country music is an essential element of the musical and cultural heritage of the United States, and helps promote an understanding and appreciation of the cultural achievements of the Nation;

Whereas country music is a medium with the power to entertain, connect, and communicate, and embodies the spirit and the lives of Americans with diverse backgrounds;

Whereas the diversity of country music provides a valuable form of artistic expression and embraces musical traditions including folk, bluegrass, gospel, honky-tonk, and rock and roll;

Whereas the popularity and notoriety of country music have had a unique effect on the commercial development of Nashville, Tennessee, commonly known as "Music City, U.S.A.";

Whereas the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, located in Nashville, is dedicated to—

(1) identifying and preserving the evolving history and traditions of country music; and
(2) educating audiences throughout the world about that rich musical tradition;

Whereas the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and other contributors to the "Country: A Celebration of America's Music" festival, should be commended for celebrating country music and engaging in a serious curatorial investigation into a form of artistic expression that is unique to the United States;

Whereas the "Country: A Celebration of America's Music" festival will—

(1) highlight accomplished singers, musicians, and songwriters of the country music genre;

(2) celebrate the traditional roots and geographical reach of country music;

(3) explore the regional and stylistic variations of country music; and

(4) honor the creators, audiences, and values of country music; and

Whereas additional efforts to recognize the role of folk-based and indigenous arts of the United States should be encouraged: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the musical and cultural heritage of country music;

(2) recognizes the "Country: A Celebration of America's Music" festival at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts; and

(3) commends the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum for promoting the artistry and legacy of country music.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3184. Mr. LOTT proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

SA 3185. Mr. LOTT proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, supra.

SA 3186. Mr. LOTT (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, supra.

SA 3187. Mr. LOTT (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, supra.

SA 3188. Mr. LOTT (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, supra.

SA 3189. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2454, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3190. Mr. SESSIONS (for Mr. AKAKA) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 410, designating April 2006 as "Financial Literacy Month".

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3184. Mr. LOTT proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; as follows:

On page 6, lines 13 and 14, strike "Enrolling Clerks of the Senate and" and insert "Clerk of the".

On page 6, line 16, strike "and establish".

SA 3185. Mr. LOTT proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; as follows:

On page 39, line 17, after "employed," insert "This subparagraph shall not apply to contacts with staff of the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives regarding compliance with lobbying disclosure requirements under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995."

SA 3186. Mr. LOTT (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; as follows:

On page 44, line 18, strike "503" and insert "263".

SA 3187. Mr. LOTT (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; as follows:

On page 40, after line 2, insert the following:

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall take effect 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 3188. Mr. LOTT (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process; as follows:

On page 27, lines 21 through 23, strike " , in addition to any" and all that follows through "House of Representatives." and insert " . The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall