

and increases his odds of developing cancer, including prostate cancer;

Whereas African-American males suffer from a prostate cancer incidence rate that is up to 65 percent higher than White males and have double the prostate cancer mortality rate of White males;

Whereas obesity is a significant predictor of the severity of prostate cancer;

Whereas the probability that obesity will lead to death and high cholesterol levels is strongly associated with advanced prostate cancer;

Whereas males in the United States with 1 family member diagnosed with prostate cancer have a 1 in 3 chance of being diagnosed with the disease, males with 2 family members diagnosed have an 83 percent chance, and males with 3 family members diagnosed have a 97 percent chance;

Whereas screening by a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen blood test can detect the disease at the early stages, increasing the chances of survival for more than 5 years to nearly 100 percent;

Whereas only 33 percent of males survive more than 5 years if diagnosed during the late stages of the disease;

Whereas there are no noticeable symptoms of prostate cancer while it is still in the early stages, making screening critical;

Whereas ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment; and

Whereas educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of males and preserving and protecting families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2011 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”;

(2) declares that steps should be taken—

(A) to raise awareness about the importance of screening methods for, and treatment of, prostate cancer;

(B) to increase research funding that is commensurate with the burden of prostate cancer so that—

(i) screening and treatment for prostate cancer may be improved;

(ii) the causes of prostate cancer may be discovered; and

(iii) a cure for prostate cancer may be developed; and

(C) to continue to consider ways for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States, interested groups, and affected persons—

(A) to promote awareness of prostate cancer;

(B) to take an active role in the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer on individuals, families, and the economy; and

(C) to observe National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 279—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2011, AS “WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY”

Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 279

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, since 1980, obesity prevalence among children has almost

tripled and approximately 12,500,000, or 17 percent, of children and adolescents in the United States are obese;

Whereas according to the American Academy of Pediatrics study entitled “The Importance of Play in Promoting Healthy Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bonds”—

(1) play is essential to development because play contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and youth;

(2) play offers an ideal opportunity for parents to engage fully with children; and

(3) despite the benefits derived from play for both children and parents, time for free play has been significantly reduced for some children and youth in the United States;

Whereas Worldwide Day of Play is the centerpiece of The Big Help, the long-term commitment of Nickelodeon to empower children and families by providing the tools and information children and families need to take action on the issues children and families care about;

Whereas in each of the 50 States and in 13 countries, including at United States military bases around the globe, children and families celebrate Worldwide Day of Play;

Whereas on September 24, 2011, Nickelodeon will host the 8th annual Worldwide Day of Play;

Whereas in 2011, in collaboration with the Let’s Move! campaign started by First Lady Michelle Obama and the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition, the Nickelodeon Worldwide Day of Play will be held on the Ellipse in Washington, District of Columbia;

Whereas September 24, 2011, would be an appropriate date to designate as Worldwide Day of Play: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the designation of September 24, 2011, as “Worldwide Day of Play”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 280—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19, 2011, AS “NATIONAL HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK” AND RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. REID of Nevada, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 280

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 Hispanic-serving institutions are degree-granting institutions that have a full-time equivalent undergraduate enrollment of at least 25 percent Hispanic students;

Whereas in 2010, there were 307 Hispanic-serving institutions in the United States, enrolling 1,348,436 Hispanic students in non-profit postsecondary schools;

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

Whereas 54 percent of Hispanic students in the United States attend nonprofit, postsecondary Hispanic-serving institutions;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-serving institutions to the United States strengthens the culture of the United States;

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-serving institutions are deserving of national recognition;

Whereas 2011 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, an organization that works to improve the capacity of Hispanic-serving institutions in helping students across the United States succeed;

Whereas the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities fulfills its mission by promoting the development of member colleges and universities, improving access to, and the quality of, postsecondary educational opportunities for Hispanic students, and meeting the needs of business, industry, and government through the development and sharing of resources, information, and expertise; and

Whereas the week beginning September 19, 2011, would be an appropriate week for national recognition of Hispanic-serving institutions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements and goals of Hispanic-serving institutions across the United States;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities throughout the 25 years since the establishment of the organization;

(3) designates the week beginning September 19, 2011, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; and

(4) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Hispanic-serving institutions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 281—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 24, 2011, AS “NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY”

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 281

Whereas the estuary regions of the United States comprise a significant share of the national economy, with 43 percent of the population, 40 percent of the employment, and 49 percent of the economic output of the United States located in the estuary regions of the United States;

Whereas coasts and estuaries contribute more than \$800,000,000,000 annually in trade and commerce to the United States economy;

Whereas more than 43 percent of all adults in the United States visit a sea coast or estuary at least once a year to participate in some form of recreation, generating \$8,000,000,000 to \$12,000,000,000 in revenue annually;

Whereas more than 28,000,000 jobs in the United States are supported by commercial and recreational fishing, boating, tourism, and other coastal industries that rely on healthy estuaries;

Whereas estuaries provide vital habitat for countless species of fish and wildlife, including many that are listed as threatened or endangered;