Mr. MARTINEZ. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution that will honor June 28, 2006 through July 5, 2006 as National Clean Beaches Week.

I want to thank my colleague from New Jersey, Senator LUTENBERG, for agreeing to cosponsor this resolution with me, as well as Senators SNOWE, LORR, MENENDEZ, and STABENOW so we as a nation can recognize the incredible importance beaches and coastal areas have not only for our economy but our Nation’s recreational, aesthetic, and environmental wellbeing.

According to data provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 85 percent of tourism revenue generated in the U.S. comes from coastal areas. The Environmental Protection Agency has also stated that a staggering 50 billion trips are made every year by Americans to beaches and coastal areas to fish, swim, surf, sunbathe, recreate, and enjoy our Nation’s beautiful scenery.

Every year roughly 80 million people visit the Sunshine State to enjoy its beautiful beaches, exciting amusement parks, and wonderfully abundant wild life and natural splendor. The tourism industry alone directly employs nearly 80,000 Floridians and provides an economic impact of $57 billion to our State’s economy. Of the 80 million visitors, a great deal came to Florida to enjoy its pristine coastline and wonderful climate. Families return, year after year, to their favorite vacation spots to relax under our brilliant blue skies, powdered white beaches, and crystal-clear emerald waters. The people of Florida share a love and appreciation of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, its coastal habitat, and our wetlands which make it a very complex system of life and a very special place to live.

Our beaches and coastline in Florida are very important to the people of Florida. The resolution I submit today will support a national effort to recognize the importance of keeping our beaches clean and vibrant, to continue to support our Nation’s ecological treasures for future generations to enjoy, and to encourage Americans of all ages and backgrounds to marvel at their splendor. I urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor and support designating June 28th through July 5th, 2006, as National Clean Beaches Week.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4215. Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DAYTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4216. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4217. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4218. Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. ARZANO, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4219. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4220. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.
At the end of subtitle B of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1013. NAMING OF CVN-78 AIRCRAFT CARRIER AS THE U.S.S. GERALD FORD.

(a) FINDINGS—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Gerald R. Ford served his country with honor and distinction for the past 64 years, and continues to do so.

(2) Gerald R. Ford joined the United States Navy Reserve in 1942 and served valiantly at sea on the U.S.S. Monterey (CVL-26) during World War II, taking part in major operations in the Pacific, including at Makin Island, Kwajalein, Truk, Saipan, and the Philippine Sea.

(3) The U.S.S. Monterey earned 10 battle stars, awarded for participation in battle, while Gerald R. Ford served on the vessel.

(4) Gerald R. Ford was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1948.

(5) In the course of 25 years of service in the House of Representatives, Gerald R. Ford distinguished himself by his exemplary record for character, decency, and trustworthiness.

(6) Throughout his service in Congress, Gerald R. Ford was an ardent proponent of strong national defense and international leadership by the United States.

(7) From 1965 to 1973, Gerald R. Ford served as minority whip of the House of Representatives, raising the standard for bipartisanship in his tireless fight for freedom, hope, and justice.

(8) In 1974, Gerald R. Ford was appointed by President Nixon to the office of Vice President of the United States with the overwhelming support of Congress.

(9) From 1973 to 1976, Gerald R. Ford served as the 38th President of the United States, taking office during one of the most challenging periods in the history of the United States and the people of the United States in the office of the President through his steady leadership, courage, and ultimate integrity.

(10) President Gerald R. Ford helped restore the prestige of the United States in the world community by working to achieve peace in the Middle East, preserve détente with the Soviet Union, and set new limits on the spread of nuclear weapons.

(11) President Gerald R. Ford served as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, safeguarding our national security and serving our men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(12) Since leaving the office of President, Gerald R. Ford has been an international ambassador of American goodwill, a noted scholar and lecturer, a strong supporter of human rights, and a promoter of higher education.

(13) Gerald R. Ford was awarded the Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999 in recognition of his contribution to the Nation.

(14) As President, Gerald R. Ford bore the weight of a colossal crisis and guided the Nation on a path of healing and restored hope, earning forever the enduring respect and gratitude of the Nation.

(b) NAMING OF CVN-78 AIRCRAFT CARRIER.—CVN-78, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier of the Navy, shall be named the U.S.S. Gerald Ford.

SA 4211. Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 587. COLD WAR SERVICE MEDAL.

(a) AUTHORITY.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end of the following new section:

(11) President Gerald R. Ford served as the 38th President of the United States,especially those families who have lost loved ones in the Armed Forces of the United States.

(12) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States have performed their duty in Iraq with an unflagging commitment to the highest ideals and traditions of the United States and the Armed Forces.

(13) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States have paid a high cost in order to defeat the terrorists, defend innocent civilians, and protect democracy from those who desire the return of oppression and extremism to Iraq.

(14) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States have courageously endured so much in service to the United States, especially those families who have loved ones in the Armed Forces of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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(14) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States have courageously endured so much in service to the United States, especially those families who have loved ones in the Armed Forces of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:
SA 4213. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subsection D of title V, add the following:

SEC. 569. REVIEW OF LEGAL STATUS OF JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM.

(a) Review.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a review of the 1976 legal opinion issued by the General Counsel of the Department of Defense regarding instruction of non-host unit students participating in Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps programs. The review shall consider whether, for the purposes of the Junior Reserve Officers that provides for the travel of an instructor from one educational institution to another once during the regular school day for the purposes of the Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program as an authorized and enhances effective efficiency in the management of the program. If the Secretary, as a result of the review, determines that such authority is not available, the Secretary should also consider whether such authority should be available and whether there should be authority to waive the restrictions under certain circumstances.

(b) Report.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report containing the results of the review not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) Interim Authority.—A current institution that has more than 70 students and is providing support to another educational institution that has been providing for the assignment of instructors to one school to the other may continue to provide such support until 180 days after receipt of the report under subsection (b).

SA 4214. Mr. D EWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

RICKENBACKER AIRPORT, COLUMBUS, OHIO

SEC. __. The project numbered 4651 in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, responsive, Efficient Equity Act; A Legacy for Users (119 Stat. 1434) is amended by striking “Grading, paving, and the transfer of rail-to-truck for the intermodal facility at Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, OH”.

SA 4215. Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DAYTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. PROGRAMS FOR USE OF LEAVE BY CAREGIVERS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS PERFORMING CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE.

(a) Federal Employees Program.—

(1) Definitions.—In this subsection:

(A) Caregiver.—The term ‘caregiver’ means an individual who—

(i) is an employee;

(ii) is at least 21 years of age; and

(iii) is capable of self care and care of children or other dependent family members of a qualified member of the Armed Forces.

(B) Covered Period of Service.—The term ‘covered period of service’ means any period of service performed by an employee as a caregiver who was designated the caregiver under paragraph (3) remains a qualified member of the Armed Forces.

(C) Employee.—The term ‘employee’ has the meaning given under section 6311 of title 5, United States Code.

(D) Family Member.—The term ‘family member’ includes—

(i) individuals for whom the qualified member of the Armed Forces provides medical, financial, and logistical support (such as housing, food, clothing, or transportation); and

(ii) children under the age of 19 years, elderly adults, persons with disabilities, and other persons who are unable to care for themselves in the absence of the qualified member of the Armed Forces.

(E) Qualified Member of the Armed Forces.—The term ‘qualified member of the Armed Forces’ means—

(i) a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces described under section 10101 of title 10, United States Code, who has received notice to report to, or is serving on, active duty in support of a contingency operation as defined under section 101(a)(3) of title 10, United States Code; or

(ii) a member of the Armed Forces on active duty who is eligible for hostile fire or imminent danger special pay under section 310 of title 37, United States Code.

(2) Establishment of Program.—The Office of Personnel Management shall establish a program to authorize a caregiver to—

(A) use any sick leave of that caregiver during a covered period of service in the same manner and to the same extent as annual leave used; and

(B) use any leave available to that caregiver under subchapter III or IV of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code, during a covered period of service as though that covered period of service was drained.

(3) Designation of Caregiver.—

(A) In General.—A qualified member of the Armed Forces shall submit a written designation to the voluntarily participating entity which is the care- giver for any family member of that member of the Armed Forces during a covered period of service to the employing agency and the Office of Personnel Management.

(B) Designation of Spouse.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A)(ii), an individual less than 21 years of age may be designated as a caregiver if that individual is the spouse of the qualified member of the Armed Forces making the designation.

(4) Use of Caregiver’s Leave.—Leave may only be used under this subsection for purposes directly relating to, or resulting from, the designation of an employee as a caregiver.

(5) Regulations.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subsection.

(6) Termination.—The program under this subsection shall terminate on December 31, 2007.

(b) Voluntary Private Sector Leave Program.—

(1) Definitions.—

(A) Caregiver.—The term ‘caregiver’ means an individual who—

(i) is an employee;

(ii) is at least 21 years of age; and

(iii) is capable of self care and care of children or other dependent family members of a qualified member of the Armed Forces.

(B) Covered Period of Service.—The term ‘covered period of service’ means any period of service performed by an employee as a caregiver who was designated the caregiver under paragraph (4) remains a qualified member of the Armed Forces.

(C) Employee.—The term ‘employee’ means an employee of a business entity participating in the program under this subsection.

(D) Family Member.—The term ‘family member’ includes—

(i) individuals for whom the qualified member of the Armed Forces provides medical, financial, and logistical support (such as housing, food, clothing, or transportation); and

(ii) children under the age of 19 years, elderly adults, persons with disabilities, and other persons who are unable to care for themselves in the absence of the qualified member of the Armed Forces.

(E) Qualified Member of the Armed Forces.—The term ‘qualified member of the Armed Forces’ means—

(i) a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces as described under section 10101 of title 10, United States Code, who has received notice to report to, or is serving on, active duty in support of a contingency operation as defined under section 101(a)(3) of title 10, United States Code; or

(ii) a member of the Armed Forces on active duty who is eligible for hostile fire or imminent danger special pay under section 310 of title 37, United States Code.

(2) Establishment of Program.—

(A) In General.—The Secretary of Labor shall establish a program to authorize employees of business entities described under section 3102 of title 37, United States Code, to use sick leave or any other leave available to an employee, during a covered period of service in the same manner and to the same extent as annual leave used.

(B) Exception.—Subparagraph (A) shall apply to leave made available under the Federal Employees’ Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).

(3) Voluntary Business Participation.—The Secretary of Labor shall solicit business entities to voluntarily participate in the program under this subsection.

(4) Designation of Caregiver.—

(A) In General.—A qualified member of the Armed Forces shall submit a written designation for any employee who is the caregiver for any family member of that member.
of the Armed Forces during a covered period of service to the employing business entity. (B) DESIGNATION OF SPOUSE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A)(ii), an individual less than 21 years of age may be designated as a caregiver if that individual is the spouse of the qualified member of the Armed Forces making the designation.

(5) CP. CAREGIVER LEAVE.—Leave may only be used under this subsection for purposes directly relating to, or resulting from, the designation of an employee as a caregiver.

(6) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall prescribe regulations under this subsection.

(7) TERMINATION.—The program under this subsection shall terminate on December 31, 2007.

(c) GAO REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2007, the Government Accountability Office shall submit a report to Congress on the programs under subsections (a) and (b) that include:

(1) an evaluation of the success of each program; and
(2) recommendations for the continuance or termination of each program.

SA 4216. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 437, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SECTION 1084. POSSESSION OF MACHINEGUNS BY LICENSED MANUFACTURERS AND LICENSED IMPORTERS.

Section 922(o)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "or" at the end;
(2) by redesignated subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and
(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

"(B) a transfer to, or possession by, a licensed manufacturer, a licensed importer, or a licensed manufacturer or a licensed importer of a machinegun that is a homestead security imperative, an arms control priority, and required by United States law."
(2) Table of sections.—The table of sections at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by striking “Death gravity” in the items relating to sections 747 through 1400 and inserting “Fallen hero compensation.”

(c) General references.—Any reference to a death gravity payable under subchapter II of chapter 75 of title 10, United States Code, in any law, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States shall be deemed to be a reference to fallen hero compensation payable under such subchapter, as amended by this section.

SA 4220. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 352. REPORT ON HIGH ALTITUDE AVIATION TRAINING SITE, EAGLE COUNTY, COLORADO.

(a) Report required.—Not later than December 15, 2006, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the High Altitude Aviation Training Site (HAATS) in Eagle County, Colorado.

(b) Elements.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of the type of high altitude aviation training being conducted at the High Altitude Aviation Training Site, including the number of pilots who receive such training on an annual basis and the types of aircraft used in such training.

(2) A description of the number and type of helicopter required at the High Altitude Aviation Training Site to provide the high altitude aviation training needed to sustain the war strategies contained in the 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review, assuming that priority is afforded in the provision of such training to commanders, instructor pilots, aviation safety officers, and deploying units.

(3) A description of accidents for deployed helicopter pilots of the Army who receive high altitude aviation training at the High Altitude Aviation Training Site, and the number and type of accidents for deployed Army helicopter pilots who did not receive such training, including the following:

(A) An estimate (set forth as a range) of the number of accidents attributable to power management.

(B) The number of accidents occurring in a combat environment.

(C) The number of accidents occurring in a non-combat environment.

(4) An evaluation of the inventory and availability of Army aircraft for purposes of establishing an appropriate schedule for the assignment of a CH-47 aircraft to the High Altitude Aviation Training Site.

(5) A description of the status of efforts to ensure that all helicopter aircrews deployed to the area of responsibility of the Central Command (CENTCOM AOR) are qualified in the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2005.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 374, the Tribal Parity Act and S. 1535, the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2005.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, June 21st, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the Government Accountability Office report entitled “Wildland Fire Suppression—Lack of Clear Guidance Raises Concerns about Cost Sharing between Federal and Nonfederal Entities” (GAO-06-570).

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladiac at 202-224-2878 or Sara Zecher 202-224-8276.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 10 a.m. on the Committee Update of S. 2686 Consumer’s Choice and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 10 a.m. on the Committee Update of S. 2686 Consumer’s Choice and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, June 13, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing on “A Tune-Up On Corporate Tax Issues: What’s Going On Under The Hood?”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimonies on “A Tune-Up On Corporate Tax Issues: What’s Going On Under The Hood?”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Examining the Continuing Need for Voting Rights Act Section 203’s Provisions Regarding Bilingual Election Materials" on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 10 a.m.