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Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the centenary of the Rhodes Scholarships in the United States and the establishment of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27 (legislative day, JUNE 26), 2003

Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the centenary of the Rhodes Scholarships in the United States and the establishment of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

Whereas the Rhodes Scholarships, the oldest international fellowships, were initiated after the death of Cecil Rhodes in 1902, and now bring outstanding students from the United States, Australia, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Canada, the Commonwealth Caribbean, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to the University of Oxford;

Whereas the first American Rhodes Scholars were elected in 1904, and since that time distinguished American Rhodes alumni have included over 20 members of Congress, a

President of the United States, 3 Supreme Court justices, cabinet members, military leaders, 80 heads of colleges or universities, and prominent artists, scientists, and business people;

Whereas the Mandela Rhodes Foundation, a partnership between the Rhodes Trust and the Nelson Mandela Foundation, was established in February, 2002;

Whereas after a lifetime of struggle against apartheid and the momentous challenge of governing the new South Africa as its first democratically elected President, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela continues to be devoted to building a society characterized by justice and opportunity in the Republic of South Africa;

Whereas President Mandela's efforts have manifested themselves in the work of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, established in the wake of President Mandela's pledge to devote $\frac{1}{3}$ of his Presidential salary to projects aimed at improving the quality of life of South Africa's disadvantaged children; and

Whereas in Cape Town in February, 2002, President Mandela noted that the partnership between the Rhodes Trust and the new Mandela Foundation signals "the closing of the circle and the coming together of 2 strands in our history": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) celebrates the centenary of the Rhodes
3 Scholarships in the United States;

4 (2) welcomes the establishment of the Mandela
5 Rhodes Foundation, which embodies the spirit of

1 reconciliation and shared commitment that is one of
2 South Africa's greatest assets;

3 (3) shares the Foundation's commitment to
4 support initiatives aimed at increasing educational
5 opportunities, fostering leadership, and promoting
6 human resource development throughout Africa; and

7 (4) affirms the support of the United States for
8 these worthy goals throughout the sub-Saharan re-
9 gion, and asserts that the pursuit of these goals is
10 in the shared interest of the American and African
11 people.

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