

program. But unfortunately, there continue to be discrepancies between Russian words and deeds. The time has come for Russia's leaders to halt this dangerous missile cooperation with a dangerous regime in Tehran. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 49—AUTHORIZING USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

S. CON. RES. 49

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).

SECTION 1. USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR AMERICA RECYCLES DAY NATIONAL KICK-OFF CAMPAIGN.

The "America Recycles Day" campaign and its agents may sponsor a public event on the Capitol Grounds on September 30, 1997, or on such date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate may jointly designate.

SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The event authorized under section 1 shall be free to the public and arranged so as not to interfere with the needs of Congress, under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police.

(b) EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES.—"America Recycles Day" and its agents shall assume full responsibility for all expenses and liabilities incident to all activities associated with the event.

SEC. 3. EVENT PREPARATIONS.

(a) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—Subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, "America Recycles Day" and its agents are authorized to erect on the Capitol Grounds any stage, tent, sound amplification devices, and other related structures and equipment required for the event authorized under section 1.

(b) ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any other reasonable arrangements as may be required to plan for or administer the event.

SENATE RESOLUTION 111—TO DESIGNATE NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. THURMOND submitted the following resolution which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 111

Whereas there are 116 historically black colleges and universities in the United States:

Whereas black colleges and universities provide the quality education so essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in American history;

Whereas black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning September 14, 1997, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; and

(2) requests that the President of the United States issue a proclamation 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.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today to submit a Senate resolution which authorizes and requests the President to designate the week beginning September 14, 1997, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week".

It is my privilege to sponsor this legislation for the 12th time—I repeat, the 12th time—honoring the historically black colleges of our country.

Eight of the one hundred and sixteen historically black colleges, namely Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin College, South Carolina State University, Morris College, Voorhees College, Denmark Technical College, and Clinton Junior College, are located in my home State. These colleges are vital to the higher education system of South Carolina. They have provided thousands of economically disadvantaged young people with the opportunity to obtain a college education.

Mr. President, thousands of young Americans have received quality educations at these 116 schools. These institutions have a long and distinguished history of providing the training necessary for participation in a rapidly changing society. Historically black colleges offer our citizens a variety of curricula and programs through which young people develop skills and talents, thereby expanding opportunities for continued social progress.

Mr. President, through adoption of this Senate resolution, Congress can reaffirm its support for historically black colleges, and appropriately recognize their important contributions to our Nation. I look forward to the speedy adoption of this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 112—CONCERNING THE RECENT HOSTILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

S. RES. 112

Whereas the Republic of Congo began to take significant steps after 1989 to implement a democratic form of government, including the convening of a national conference in 1991 and the adoption of a multiparty constitution in 1992;

Whereas the Republic of Congo held its first free and fair democratic elections in 1992, in which Pascal Lissouba won the presidency with 61 percent of the vote, defeating the former military ruler Denis Sassou-Nguesso in the first round of voting and current Brazzaville Mayor Bernard Kolelas in the second;

Whereas the Republic of Congo has endured violent threats to its nascent democracy

since 1993, including factional fighting between the country's leading political figures which has taken thousands of lives;

Whereas fighting in the Republic of Congo is preventing the country from holding its scheduled elections and has endangered the lives of its citizens and foreign nationals residing in the country; and

Whereas the preservation of democracy in the Republic of Congo and the peaceful transfer of power through national elections are critically important for the future of freedom in the Republic of Congo and all of Central Africa: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the United States—

(1) condemns violent attempts to overthrow the freely elected Government of the Republic of Congo and encourages all parties involved in the conflict to reach a lasting cease-fire;

(2) calls on all private militia to disband to end the continuing threat to peace and stability in the Republic of Congo;

(3) reaffirms its support for constitutional government, the rule of law, human rights, and democratic processes in the Republic of Congo and calls upon regional African leaders to support the preservation of a democratic political system in the country;

(4) declares that the removal of the democratically elected Government of the Republic of Congo by other than democratic means would severely restrict the bilateral relationship between the United States and the Republic of Congo, including the suspension of most bilateral assistance from the United States to the Republic of Congo; and

(5) encourages the United States Government to state publicly its strong support for a democratic government in the Republic of Congo and the peaceful transfer of power in that country.

Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk concerning recent fighting in the Republic of Congo. Senator FEINGOLD is joining me as an original cosponsor of this resolution, and I greatly appreciate his support in this effort and his help as the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on African Affairs of the Foreign Relations Committee.

The Republic of Congo—not to be confused with the neighboring Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly known as Zaire—has been embroiled in domestic unrest since early June when hostilities erupted between the forces of the former military dictator Denis Sassou-Nguesso and troops loyal to the current Congolese leader, President Pascal Lissouba.

President Lissouba defeated Sassou in national elections in 1992. Recent hostilities between the two leaders pose a threat to the nascent democracy that the Republic of Congo has tried to cultivate over the last 5 years.

The Republic of Congo has made significant steps to embrace democracy since the late 1980's. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the people of the Republic of Congo pressed for democratic change in their own country. Their struggle against political repression was rewarded with the convening of a national conference in 1991 and the adoption of a multiparty constitution in 1992.

The first free national elections were held in 1992. Since that time the Congolese people have endured violent

threats to their emerging democracy. Indeed, factional infighting between rival political groups has taken the lives of several thousand people since 1993.

The most recent outbreak of fighting poses yet another challenge to the people of the Republic of Congo and the liberty they desire for their country. Thankfully, a ceasefire was signed by the warring parties over the weekend of July 12-13, and representatives of President Lissouba and Sassou-Nguesso have been in Libreville, Gabon attempting to negotiate a peace agreement.

It is my sincere hope that negotiations are constructive and that the Republic of Congo is able to move forward and hold elections previously scheduled for July 27, but now delayed indefinitely.

We should make it clear to all parties involved in the conflict in the Republic of Congo that the United States condemns violent attempts to overthrow the democratically-elected government of the Republic of Congo. There is too much at stake in Central Africa right now for the United States to remain silent about instability which threatens the peaceful transfer of power in a country struggling to embrace democracy.

United States foreign policy in Central Africa has failed miserably in restraining the forces of violence which have plagued Rwanda and Burundi, the former Zaire, and now the Republic of Congo. The Clinton administration must address more forcefully the chain of events in Central Africa before the region spirals out of control. A good place to start would be to speak out forcefully in support of democracy in the Republic of Congo and against the violence which threatens the country's stability.

Mr. President, it is time to take a public stand in support of the fragile democracy in the Republic of Congo, which is why I am submitting this resolution today. I hope at the appropriate time my colleagues will vote to condemn the violence now threatening the prospects for constitutional government and the rule of law in the Republic of Congo.

SENATE RESOLUTION 113—CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF JAMAICA

Mr. GRAHAM submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Whereas on August 6, 1962, the people of Jamaica were granted their independence from Great Britain;

Whereas the people of Jamaica will celebrate their 35th anniversary of independence during a four-day "Emancipation Day" celebration from August 1 to August 4, 1997;

Whereas the people of Jamaica have practiced a representative democracy for 53 years since the establishment of internal self-governance in 1944;

Whereas under the Administration of Prime Ministers Michael Manley and P.J.

Patterson, Jamaica has played a leadership role in stimulating trade-based economic development, promoting democracy, fighting the illicit narcotics trade, and fostering the observance of human rights in the Caribbean region;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 Americans are of Jamaican descent, and Jamaican-Americans have made a rich contribution to our society;

Whereas Jamaica and the United States benefit from a healthy commercial relationship that, in 1996, exceeded \$2,300,000,000; and

Whereas Jamaica and the United States enjoy strong cultural and social links: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the people of Jamaica on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of Jamaica's independence from Great Britain;

(2) celebrates the strong, entrenched tradition of democratic governance in Jamaica;

(3) recognizes the richness of the contribution to United States of economic, political, social, and cultural life by Americans of Jamaican descent;

(4) commends the Government of Jamaica for its efforts to promote stability and economic growth in the Caribbean region; and

(5) looks forward to the continuance of strong relations and cooperation between the United States and Jamaica.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, it will be 35 years ago this coming Wednesday, August 6, 1997, that the people of Jamaica were granted their independence from Great Britain. This significant event for the people of Jamaica is cause for great celebration by the citizens of Jamaica as well as all of us who cherish democracy. The United States and Jamaica have been partners working together helping to bring democracy throughout the world. The government of Jamaica was the first of our allies joining our efforts to come to the aid of its neighbor Haiti. Jamaican American citizens contribute to the richness of our nation's cultural heritage. They strengthen the rich cultural and social ties between our nations.

It is therefore fitting that we take this opportunity to congratulate the people of Jamaica during their four day "Emancipation Day" celebration August 1, to August 4, 1997.

SENATE RESOLUTION 114—RELATIVE TO TAIWAN

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 114

Whereas Hong Kong was acquired by the United Kingdom in 1898 and leased from China for 99 years;

Whereas the treaty through which the Hong Kong territory was leased from China expired on July 1, 1997, at which time Hong Kong reverted to China;

Whereas no treaties exist between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan which determine the future status of Taiwan, and, unlike Hong Kong, Taiwan has been de facto independent since 1949;

Whereas the People's Republic of China attempts to apply to Taiwan the formula commonly known as "one country, two systems" in an effort to annex Taiwan to China;

Whereas the People's Republic of China has refused to renounce the use of force against

Taiwan and held military exercises in the Taiwan Strait in March 1996 in an attempt to intimidate the people of Taiwan in their first presidential elections; and

Whereas the Taiwan Relations Act states that "[i]t is the policy of the United States to consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the transfer of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China does not alter the current and future status of Taiwan;

(2) the future of Taiwan should be determined by peaceful means through a democratic process in accordance with the principle of self-determination, as outlined in the Charter of the United Nations; and

(3) the United States should assist in the defense of Taiwan in case of threats or military attack by the People's Republic of China against Taiwan.

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to join with my colleague, Senator BROWNBACK, in submitting a Sense of Senate Resolution on the Current and Future Status of Taiwan.

This legislation expresses the sense of the Senate that the recent transfer of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China does not alter the current or future status of Taiwan. The reversion of Hong Kong to China on July 1 has created the impression among some that the situations of Hong Kong and Taiwan are similar. Our resolution makes clear that there are deep differences between these two situations.

Hong Kong reverted to China after the expiration of a treaty signed by China and the United Kingdom in 1898 granting a 99 year lease.

No treaties exist which determine the future status of Taiwan, and Taiwan has maintained a de facto independence since 1949.

The formula of "one country, two systems" applied to Hong Kong has no relevance to Taiwan.

China continues to renounce the use of force against Taiwan and as recently as 1996 held military exercises in the Taiwan Strait in an attempt to intimidate the people of Taiwan.

The Taiwan Relations Act makes it the policy of the United States to "consider any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes, a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States."

Based on these differences, our resolution expresses the sense of the Senate that—

First, the transfer of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China does not alter the current and future status of Taiwan;

Second, the future of Taiwan should be determined by peaceful means through a democratic process in accordance with the principle of self-determination, as outlined in the Charter of the United Nations; and

Third, the United States should assist in the defense of Taiwan in case of