

Award for "the best combined record in leadership, academics, and physical fitness": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of admiration and respect to the memory of our departed friend and colleague, who left his mark on Texas and our Nation; and

(2) the Senate extends to his family our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives, and shall transmit an enrolled copy to the family of Representative Frank Tejeda.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I have a resolution that I am submitting on behalf of myself and Senator GRAMM. I have sent it to the desk and I ask that it be held and that it be cleared by the close of business today.

Mr. President, the resolution is commending and is in honor of a fallen comrade. He was a Member of the House, a member of the Texas delegation, FRANK TEJEDA.

FRANK TEJEDA was a hero, a patriot. He served his country in every possible way. FRANK TEJEDA dropped out of high school at the age of 17 to join the Marine Corps. He liked to tell the story that he thought he would have a couple of months to sit around and dream about being in the Marine Corps. And they said to this young 17-year-old, "We would love to have you. Here are your tickets to California, you leave this afternoon." So he was off on his life adventure in the Marine Corps.

FRANK TEJEDA went to Vietnam. He was a hero in Vietnam. FRANK TEJEDA won not only the Purple Heart but the Silver Star for his heroic performance in going onto a battlefield that was riddled with bullets flying all around him to save a comrade.

He was always there when his country called. After he came back, the high school dropout went to college and graduated. He graduated not only from St. Mary's University, but also went to law school at the University of California at Berkeley and received his law degree. Then, he got graduate degrees from both Harvard and Yale. He served in the Texas Senate—I knew him there—and then he came to Congress, and we were able to serve together here.

FRANK was, in every sense, the truest Texan. I was privileged to be at his funeral yesterday in south San Antonio, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. You could see the essence of what FRANK was. You could see it in the people that he had gone to church with all his life. You could see it in the people who eulogized him, that had grown up with him, and who now are also leading citizens of San Antonio. You could see it in the people who were holding signs along the road between the church and Fort Sam Houston, where he was to be buried with full military honors.

No one will be able to fill the shoes of a great Texan like FRANK TEJEDA. He will have a successor. We will have someone that will represent San Anto-

nio and Texas in the U.S. Congress. But you don't fill the shoes of a person who never forgot from where he came, who was always there for the people that he grew up with and that he represented in the U.S. Congress, to make sure that they were part of the great American dream.

He was there for our military, he was there for our veterans. I remember when I was working to make sure that the veterans' pay came when Government was shut down. FRANK TEJEDA was right there trying to help me make sure that that happened. When the people at Kelly Air Force Base learned that their base was going to be shut down, with privatization as an option that was given by BRAC, FRANK TEJEDA and I rolled up our sleeves to go to work for privatization, because we wanted the good people at Kelly Air Force Base to be able to keep those jobs, and because we knew it was in the best interest of our country that they keep those jobs because they are the trained work force.

I think the most important thing I could say about anyone with whom I served in Congress is, if we are in a fight, he was someone I would want in the trenches with me.

That describes FRANK TEJEDA. He proved himself on the real battlefield in Vietnam. He proved that he was someone you would want in the trenches with you when you are fighting for your life, for your country, and he proved it in so many ways in his service in the U.S. Congress.

I will miss FRANK TEJEDA as a friend. America will miss him as a patriot and a hero. I would like for this resolution to be passed today when we close the Senate, and I would like to close the Senate in honor of former Congressman FRANK TEJEDA, who was buried yesterday at Fort Sam Houston with full military honors.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 1998 Budget Request for the United States Small Business Administration." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Louis Taylor at 224-5175.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "Nomination of Aida Alvarez to be Administrator of the United States Small Business Administration." The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 13, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Louis Taylor at 224-5175.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 10 a.m. in open session, to receive testimony concerning the Army sexual harassment incidents at Aberdeen Proving Ground and sexual harassment policies within the Department of Defense.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Finance be permitted to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215-Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for an Employment and Training Subcommittee hearing on Fair Labor Standards Act reform, during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to receive testimony from committee chairmen and ranking members on their committee funding resolutions for 1997 and 1998 on Tuesday, February 4, Wednesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 6, all at 9:30 a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COSPONSORSHIP OF THE SAFE AND AFFORDABLE SCHOOLS ACT

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to cosponsor Senate bill S. 1, the Safe and Affordable Schools Act. I do so because I am convinced that we owe our children the opportunity to learn in a safe environment and that our children should not find the door to higher education closed to them by high costs. This legislation will help children from low income families escape unsafe schools and at the same time help parents and their children better afford higher education.

We have a crisis in our schools, Mr. President. According to one recent study, 2,000 acts of violence are committed every hour in our classrooms. The study also found that high percentages of students have changed their daily routine because of personal safety concerns, and that most students say they could obtain marijuana

within a day if they wished. Drugs and violence have no place in our schools alongside math and history.

To address this problem, the Safe and Affordable Schools Act authorizes \$50 million for fiscal year 1998 school choice pilot programs. These moneys may be used to develop, establish, and operate programs to protect children who have been victims of, or witnesses to, violence in our elementary and secondary schools. To encourage local safety measures, the act gives priority to programs providing for suspension, delay, or restriction of driving privileges for minors found to be using drugs.

Mr. President, poor kids in this country should have the same right to attend a safe school as their more well-off counterparts. That is why school choice programs are essential. This bill provides funding for pilot programs and also for broader school choice vouchers to give parents in our less affluent areas a chance to send their children to good schools.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, too many kids who graduate from high school find the doors to higher education closed to them by sky-high costs. Public college and university tuition alone has risen 234 percent over the last 15 years. This has put too tight a squeeze on students and their parents as they seek the opportunities only higher education can provide in our country.

To make higher education more affordable for students in college and for parents saving for their children's education, this legislation provides a number of rational, cost-effective tax incentives. To begin with, Mr. President, this bill establishes the Bob Dole education investment account. Parents would be able to contribute \$1,000 per year to this account, and would be eligible to establish an account for each child. The savings will be significant. If a parent puts aside \$1,000 at the time a child is born, and contributes \$1,000 every year until the child is 18, the investment account would contain \$34,000 to pay college costs.

And this legislation offers further help to parents and students. It excludes from taxation educational assistance provided by employers. It also excludes any prepaid higher education disbursement from the State. In addition, the bill would make student loan interest deductible, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per year. Finally, the bill would exclude from gross income any moneys received through Federal work study programs.

These provisions will make higher education more affordable. They will keep the doors of opportunity open for all Americans. Combined with school choice measures, they will go a long way toward establishing the equality of opportunity for which our country always has been known.

I urge my colleagues to support this worthwhile legislation.●

RETIREMENT OF PROCTOR JONES

●Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the Senate, with its long hours and demanding schedule is not generally known for the long tenure of its Members' staff. Proctor Jones is an exception to that rule. Proctor has served the Senate for more than 35 years. He has spent 27 of those years working for the Committee on Appropriations, outlasting seven committee chairmen. Nobody knows the ins and outs of the appropriations process, better than Proctor Jones.

The energy and water appropriations bill just won't be the same without Senator JOHNSTON leading the Democratic members of the subcommittee and Proctor behind the scenes crafting the bill. It is not a coincidence that the energy and water appropriations bill is usually one of the first to be passed by Congress. Proctor's experience on appropriations, combined with Senator JOHNSTON's bargaining skill made them a formidable pair. They will be sorely missed on the Appropriations Committee. I commend Proctor on his long and dedicated service to the Senate and wish him the best of luck.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE AND LORRAINE GOREN ON BEING NAMED 1997 DOVER CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

●Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Steve and Lorraine Goren, coowners of Farnham's clothing store in Dover, on being named the 1997 Citizens of the Year by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce. As a former small businessman myself, I commend their accomplishments.

Farnham's clothing store has been a Dover establishment since 1855. For years, Steve and Lorraine have been involved in Dover's growth in a number of ways.

Steve Goren is a member of the Dover Parking Commission and a trustee at the Dover Children's Home. He is a former member of the Dover Industrial Development Authority, a former director of Great Bay Bank Shares, and was on the board of Southeast Bank. In addition, both Gorens are active in the downtown merchants group.

Lorraine Goren has represented Temple Israel on the board of Dover Cooperative Ministries for years, served as treasurer of the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Auxiliary and rallied Dover merchants for support during the American Cancer Society's annual dafodil sales. She has also served the Dover Chamber of Commerce as a member of the Cochecho Arts Festival committee and the Apple Harvest Day committee.

Both Steve and Lorraine have dedicated their time, talent and energy to serving the residents of Dover in an exemplary way. The Goren's outstanding community commitment is important to the future and prosperity of New

Hampshire's communities. Congratulations to Steve and Lorraine for this distinguished recognition. I am honored to represent them in the U.S. Senate.●

TRIBUTE TO BEATRICE RUTH FAIRFAX

●Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to talk about Beatrice Ruth Fairfax, a constituent of mine who died on January 14, 1997, at the age of 84, after a lifetime of making a difference in the lives of those she touched. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends, and community.

Upon her graduation from Hyde Park High School, Beatrice Fairfax worked as a writer and became involved in many civil rights and labor union causes. She met her husband, Bob Fairfax through their involvement in cultural arts activities with the Works Progress Administration [WPA]. They married in 1935 and eventually settled in the Altgeld-Murray public housing development as one of Altgeld's first interracial families. The Fairfaxes worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for public housing residents. They founded and managed the community's first newspaper, the Altgeld Beacon, while working as beat reporters for the Chicago Defender Newspaper. They also established numerous Boy Scout troops throughout the Chicago Housing Authority [CHA], and founded the Jackson Raiders, an award winning drum and bugle corps. In keeping with Mrs. Fairfax's philosophy, "Before a community can make social sense, it has to make economic sense," the Fairfaxes also participated in the establishment of one of the country's first and largest black owned food co-op stores, which was owned by 300 black families and patronized by thousands of public housing residents. In addition, the Fairfaxes were two of the original plaintiffs in *Gautreaux versus Chicago Housing Authority*, a landmark case which resulted in the end of racially discriminatory practices of the CHA.

After her retirement from the Illinois Department of Labor, Mrs. Fairfax continued to be active in community affairs and maintained affiliations with the American Association of Retired Persons, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of Chicago, Chicago Parent Teacher Association, Citizen Utility Board, Chicago Urban League, Chicago Sinai Congregation, Jewish Council for the Elderly, Illinois Public Action Council, and the Friends of the Chicago Children's Choir, to name a few. In addition to her many substantial accomplishments, on a personal note, I must say that Bea Fairfax was one of the kindest and most generous people I have known. She didn't just talk the talk, but walked the walk. Her life was truly dedicated to improving the lives of others. No one knows that more than her