

(3) open more criminal proceedings in the People's Republic of China to the public.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 79—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT ELIAN GONZALEZ SHOULD BE REUNITED WITH HIS FATHER, JUAN GONZALEZ OF CUBA

Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 79

Whereas Elian Gonzalez, a 6-year citizen of Cuba, lost his mother in a tragic boat accident and floating alone for days in treacherous conditions off the coast of Florida;

Whereas Elian Gonzalez was found November 25, 1999, alive but physically and emotionally drained, brought ashore and examined at a hospital, and released temporarily by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) into the care of his great-uncle and cousins in the Miami area while it evaluated his case;

Whereas the natural father and sole surviving parent of Elian Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez of Cuba, has repeatedly requested that the United States Government return his son to him immediately;

Whereas the President rightly determined that the fate of Elian Gonzalez should be determined by United States statutes and regulations related to immigration cases involving children;

Whereas the INS, after interviewing Juan Gonzalez twice in Cuba and carefully reviewing all relevant laws, rules, and evidence, correctly determined on January 5, 2000, that Juan Gonzalez is a caring and involved father, that Elian Gonzalez faces no credible threat of political persecution if returned to his father, and as a result, that Juan Gonzalez possesses the sole authority of speaking for Elian Gonzalez regarding his son's immigration status in the United States under Federal immigration law and universally accepted legal norms;

Whereas the INS resolved to return Elian to Cuba by January 14, 2000, to live with his father Juan Gonzalez, in accordance with his father's request;

Whereas on January 12, 2000, the Attorney General fully supported the INS ruling, reaffirmed INS jurisdiction over the matter, and said that a decision by a Florida State court judge granting temporary custody of Elian Gonzalez to his relatives in Miami, establishing a March 6, 2000, date for a hearing on permanent custody, and calling for the father's presence at that hearing had no force and effect;

Whereas only the Federal courts have the jurisdiction to review the Attorney General's decision;

Whereas what Elian Gonzalez needs most at this time is to be with the father and both sets of grandparents who raised him so that he can begin the process of grieving for his mother, in peace;

Whereas despite the existence of important political disagreements between the Governments of the United States and Cuba, these differences should not interfere with the right to privacy of a 6-year-old child or his sacred bond with his father; and

Whereas any unusual or inappropriate changes to immigration law made by Congress to naturalize a minor without the parents' consent would have the effect of encouraging parents in other nations to risk the lives of their children under the false

hope that they might receive special treatment outside standard channels for legal immigration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) Congress should not interfere with normal immigration proceedings by taking any unusual or inappropriate legislative measures designed to delay the reunification of Elian and Juan Gonzalez; and

(2) the Immigration and Naturalization Service should proceed with its original decision to return Elian Gonzalez to his father, Juan Gonzalez, in Cuba and take all necessary steps to reunify Elian Gonzalez with his father as soon as possible.

SENATE RESOLUTION 245—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF DR. FLOYD M. RIDDICK, PARLIAMENTARIAN EMERITUS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LINCOLN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 245

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick served the Senate with honor and distinction as its second Parliamentarian from 1965 to 1975;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick created the Daily Digest of the Congressional Record and was its first editor from 1947 to 1951;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick was Assistant Senate Parliamentarian from 1951 to 1964;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick compiled thousands of Senate precedents into the official volume whose current edition bears his name;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick served the Senate for more than 40 years;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick upon his retirement as Senate Parliamentarian served as a

consultant to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration;

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick performed his Senate duties in an impartial and professional manner; and

Whereas Floyd M. Riddick was honored by the Senate with the title Parliamentarian Emeritus: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Floyd M. Riddick, Parliamentarian Emeritus of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

SENATE RESOLUTION 246—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF CARL CURTIS, FORMER UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Mr. KERREY (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BYRD, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. L. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 246

Whereas Senator Curtis served with honor and distinction, for the State of Nebraska, in the House of Representatives from 1939 until his resignation in 1954 and in the Senate from 1955 to 1979;

Whereas Senator Curtis served his country for 40 years;

Whereas Senator Curtis stood for fiscal and social conservatism;

Whereas Senator Curtis regarded one of his biggest accomplishments as bringing flood control and irrigation to the Midwest;

Whereas Senator Curtis served as the Senate Republican Conference Chairman and ranking member on the Finance Committee during his last term in office;

Whereas Senator Curtis was admitted to the bar in 1930 and had a private law practice in Minden, Nebraska prior to his service in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas Senator Curtis served in Congress longer than any other Nebraskan: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Carl Curtis, former Member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the house of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Carl Curtis.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 247—COMMEMORATING AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE MADE BY THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BURNS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 247

Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

Whereas the well-being of all citizens of this country is preserved and enhanced as a direct result of the vigilance and dedication of law enforcement personnel;

Whereas more than 700,000 men and women, at great risk to their personal safety, presently serve their fellow citizens in their capacity as guardians of peace;

Whereas peace officers are the front line in preserving our children's right to receive an education in a crime-free environment, which is all too often threatened by the insidious fear caused by violence in schools;

Whereas 134 peace officers lost their lives in the performance of their duty in 1999, and a total of nearly 15,000 men and women have now made that supreme sacrifice;

Whereas every year 1 in 9 officers is assaulted, 1 in 25 officers is injured, and 1 in 4,400 officers is killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas, on May 15, 2000, more than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in our Nation's Capital to join with the families of their recently fallen comrades to honor them and all others before them: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes May 15, 2000, as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of Federal, State, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, today I am joined by 28 of my col-

leagues in submitting this resolution to keep alive in the memory of all Americans, the sacrifice and commitment of those men and women who lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers. Specifically, this resolution would designate May 15, 2000, as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

As a former deputy sheriff, I know first-hand the risks which law enforcement officers face everyday on the front lines protecting our communities. Currently, more than 700,000 men and women who serve this nation as our guardians of law and order do so at a great risk. Every year, about 1 in 9 officers is assaulted, 1 in 25 officers is injured, and 1 in 4,400 officers is killed in the line of duty. There are few communities in this country that have not been impacted by the senseless death of a police officer.

In 1999, approximately 135 federal, state and local law enforcement officers have given their lives in the line of duty and nearly 15,000 men and women have made that supreme sacrifice during the past century. We can be heartened by knowing that fewer police officers died in 1999 than in any year since 1965.

According to National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Chairman Craig W. Floyd, "a combination of factors appears to be making life safer for our officers including better training, improved equipment, the increased use of bullet-resistant vests, and the overall drop of crime."

On May 15, 2000, more than 15,000 peace officers are expected to gather in our Nation's Capital to join with the families of their fallen comrades, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this important resolution.

I ask unanimous consent that letters of support be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

POLICE EXECUTIVE RESEARCH FORUM,

Washington, DC, January 24, 2000.

Hon. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL,
U.S. Senate,

Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR CAMPBELL: I am writing on behalf of the members of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in support of your efforts to secure Congressional designation of May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. PERF, an association of police executives primarily from the larger police agencies in the United States, believes that this is a fitting and appropriate tribute that honors not only those officers for their sacrifice, but their brave families, the law enforcement agencies they represented, and the grieving communities for whom they died serving. As we all work to improve American policing and the criminal justice system, it

is important to remember the individual American police officers who have for nearly two centuries served our communities and all too often made the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you for your efforts and the efforts of your colleagues in introducing this measure to honor America's law enforcement officers.

Sincerely,

CHUCK WEXLER,
Executive Director.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD
OF POLICE OFFICERS,

Alexandria, VA, January 20, 2000.

Hon. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR CAMPBELL: The International Brotherhood of Police Officers (IBPO) is an affiliate of the Service Employees International Union. The IBPO is the largest police union in the AFL-CIO.

On behalf of the over 50,000 members of the IBPO, I wish to thank you for introducing legislation to designate May 15, 2000 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day. This legislation is a tribute to the more than 700,000 men and women who protect our citizens.

Your legislation serves as a solemn reminder of the sacrifice and commitment to safety that peace officers make on our behalf. In 1999 over 130 peace officers lost their lives while in the performance of their job.

As a former law enforcement official, you know firsthand the dangers these peace officers face. Your legislation not only honors the peace officers fallen in the line of duty but to their surviving families.

Once again, thank you for all your help honoring America's peace officers.

Sincerely,

KENNETH T. LYONS,
National President.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
POLICE ORGANIZATIONS, INC.,
Washington, DC, January 21, 2000.

Hon. BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR CAMPBELL: On behalf of the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO), representing 4,000 unions and associations and 250,000 sworn law enforcement officers, I want to express our wholehearted support for a Senate Resolution to recognize the brave men and women of law enforcement, who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Every year, for one week during the month of May, the law enforcement community pays tribute and honors the fallen heroes who have died in the line of duty at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Serving on the Board of Directors at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and as a former Detroit Police officer for twenty-five years, I truly appreciate a day for all Americans to recognize and commemorate, with surviving family members, those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Every day law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to serve and protect our communities. Over the past few years, we have experienced a steady decrease in violent crime throughout our neighborhoods and cities. However, this does not come at a small price. In 1999, approximately 135 of our Nation's finest lost their lives protecting the citizens of this country. We need to honor and remember these outstanding men and woman every year.

Thank you for your dedication in advancing the interests of the law enforcement community. I look forward to working with you in the 106th Congress. Please let me