

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 3078. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area in South Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 3079. A bill to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 3080. A bill to establish a national teaching fellowship program to encourage individuals to enter and remain in the field of teaching at public elementary schools and secondary schools; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 3081. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to suspend the tax-exempt status of designated terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 3082. A bill to suspend tax-exempt status of designated terrorist organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. THOMPSON):

S.J. Res. 48. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Election Commission under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to prohibited and excessive contributions; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. REED, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mrs. BOXER):

S.J. Res. 49. A joint resolution recognizing the contributions of Patsy Takemoto Mink; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. Res. 336. A resolution urging the international community to reject a boycott of Israeli academic and cultural institutions; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 710

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 710, a bill to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. BOND, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of

S. 724, a bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of pregnancy-related assistance for targeted low-income pregnant women.

S. 1038

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1038, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve access to tax-exempt debt for small nonprofit health care and educational institutions.

S. 1329

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1329, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax incentive for land sales for conservation purposes.

S. 1877

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1877, a bill to clarify and reaffirm a cause of action and Federal court jurisdiction for certain claims against the Government of Iran.

S. 2667

At the request of Mr. CHAFEE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2667, a bill to amend the Peace Corps Act to promote global acceptance of the principles of international peace and nonviolent coexistence among peoples of diverse cultures and systems of government, and for other purposes.

S. 2793

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2793, a bill to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2869, a bill to facilitate the ability of certain spectrum auction winners to pursue alternative measures required in the public interest to meet the needs of wireless telecommunications consumers.

S. 2869

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2869, supra.

S. 2922

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2922, a bill to facilitate the deployment of wireless telecommunications networks in order to further the availability of the Emergency Alert System, and for other purposes.

S. 2968

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr.

ALLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2968, a bill to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program.

S. 2969

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, his name was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2969, a bill to provide for improvement of Federal education research, statistics, evaluation, information, and dissemination, and for other purposes.

S. 2990

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2990, a bill to provide for programs and activities to improve the health of Hispanic individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 3062

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3062, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study of the effectiveness of silver-based biocides as an alternative treatment to preserve wood.

S. RES. 307

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 307, a resolution reaffirming support of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and anticipating the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the enactment of the Genocide Convention Implementation Act of 1987 (the Proxmire Act) on November 4, 2003.

S. RES. 333

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 333, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate relating to a dispute between the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

S. CON. RES. 3

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 3, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her.

S. CON. RES. 136

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 136, a concurrent resolution requesting the President to issue a proclamation in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

S. CON. RES. 138

At the request of Mr. REID, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from

Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 138, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should conduct or support research on certain tests to screen for ovarian cancer, and Federal health care programs and group and individual health plans should cover the tests if demonstrated to be effective, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 3073. A bill to encourage the establishment of Johnny Michael Spann Patriot Trusts; to the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Johnny Michael Spann Patriot Trusts Act. Members of the United States military, CIA personnel, FBI personnel, and other Federal employees defend the freedom and security of our Nation each day, often at high risk to their own safety, and sometimes at the cost of their own lives. This bill will help facilitate the flow of private charitable money to the widows and orphans of our American servicemen, CIA officers, FBI agents, and other Federal employees who give their lives in the War on Terrorism.

In the days following the terrorist attacks of September 11, we passed the Victims Compensation Fund of 2001 to provide compensation to the victims of those attacks. The September 11 Fund only covers those who were injured or killed on September 11 as a result of the September 11 attacks. It is estimated that the September 11 Fund will provide the families of the September 11 victims with an average of \$1.85 million each.

The September 11 Fund, however, does not cover military or government personnel who have been killed while fighting against terrorists in the new War on Terrorism after September 11, 2001. For example, it does not cover Alabama native Johnny Michael Spann and his family. CIA officer Johnny Michael Spann was the first American to give his life for his country in the War on Terrorism launched by President George W. Bush following the September 11 terrorist attacks. Because individuals like Mr. Spann are not included in the fund, their beneficiaries will receive far less than the \$1.85 million that the beneficiaries of the September 11 fund will receive. Instead, family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines killed in action while fighting terrorists will receive only relatively minor benefits currently \$6,000 plus a small monthly payment. If the military man or woman had purchased life insurance, the most

the family can hope to receive is \$250,000. CIA and FBI benefits are somewhat better, but still do not approach the \$1.85 million mark. Now is the time to remedy this inequity and to meet the responsibility of taking care of the families of the military and government personnel who give their lives defending us from terrorism.

So today, I offer this bill to narrow the gap in the current compensation system. This bill will facilitate and encourage private charitable giving for the benefit of spouses and dependents of military, CIA, FBI, and other Federal employees killed in the line of duty while combating terrorism. The bill will use no government monies and will not affect the September 11 Fund. Instead, the bill will allow private monies to fill in the gap.

If a Section 501(c)(3) charity meets the requirements of the bill, it can designate itself as a "Johnny Michael Spann Patriot Trust." The requirements are: 1. Beneficiaries—The trust must benefit government employees or contractors whose death occur in the line of duty and arise out of terrorist attacks, military operations, intelligence operations, law enforcement operations, or accidents connected with activities occurring after September 11, 2001, and related to domestic or foreign efforts to curb international terrorism, including the Authorization for Use of Military Force that we passed last year.

2. Tax Rules—The trust must qualify under existing tax rules for charitable trusts or private foundations. Thus, contributions to the fund will be tax deductible.

3. Distributions—The trust must distribute at least eighty-five percent of funds collected to beneficiaries. Thus, administrative expenses can be no more than fifteen percent, after the initial organizing expenses are made.

4. Audit—If contributions to the trust exceed \$1 million, it must be audited by an independent certified public accountant.

5. McCain-Feingold—The trust must comply with the existing exemption in the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law for charities.

Once a trust meets the requirements, it will be entitled to two key benefits. First, the Secretary of Defense will be authorized to contact the Patriot Trusts on behalf of surviving spouses, thus eliminating the indignity widows often face when they are forced to go to a charity and ask for money.

Second, the bill will ensure that federally elected officials can raise money for Patriot Trusts without any problem under the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law. This encouragement of Senators and Congressmen to raise money for the families of slain military, CIA, or FBI personnel should help build real resources to help families with real needs.

Overall, this bill will help private charities provide a level playing field for those who give their lives for our

freedom and security. It will address the current inequity between those who died in their office and those who died on the battle field defending America, and it will seek a fair and patriotic way for charities to recognize those who died defending their country against terrorism.

Who among us can look into the eyes of the widow of a soldier who lost his life fighting for his country and say, "Sorry, you only get \$6,000, but the widow of the securities broker in New York gets almost \$2 Million." This bill takes a modest step toward ensuring fair and equitable treatment to all of those making the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives to protect the United States and her citizens against terrorists around the world.

It is our moral duty and obligation to assist these service members and federal employees who are giving their lives in service to our country. Helping charities fill the gap is the least that we can do. I would urge all of my colleagues to support this bill as a way to show our Armed Forces and other employees that they are deserving of fair and equitable treatment.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3073

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CHARITABLE TRUSTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States defend the freedom and security of our Nation.

(2) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States have lost their lives while battling the evils of terrorism around the world.

(3) Personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) charged with the responsibility of covert observation of terrorists around the world are often put in harm's way during their service to the United States.

(4) Personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency have also lost their lives while battling the evils of terrorism around the world.

(5) Employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and other Federal agencies charged with domestic protection of the United States put their lives at risk on a daily basis for the freedom and security of our Nation.

(6) United States military personnel, CIA personnel, FBI personnel, and other Federal agents in the service of the United States are patriots of the highest order.

(7) CIA officer Johnny Michael Spann became the first American to give his life for his country in the War on Terrorism launched by President George W. Bush following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

(8) Johnny Michael Spann left behind a wife and children who are very proud of the heroic actions of their patriot father.

(9) Surviving dependents of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lose their lives as a result of terrorist attacks or