

NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WEEK

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, my wife and I have four kids and 11 grandkids. My youngest daughter Katie is the chairman of the Jesse Helms Fan Club. Katie, who looks like she is about 14 or 15 years old, is in her thirties. She just had her second baby. She has, I say to my good friend, Senator HELMS, prominently framed as you walk in to her home a picture of Senator HELMS holding her first baby, Baby Kate. You see, I have a wife named Kate, a daughter named Kate, and a granddaughter named Kate. The picture is prominently displayed in her living room.

She talks about this wonderful, gentle man in Washington who is different than anybody else we have known in Washington. She says he has to be the most lovable man in the history of Washington, DC.

Jesse, I say to you, that is not just one little girl talking. She speaks for so many people.

Since one of the programs that Senator HELMS has always held up and said is the greatest program because it does not involve Government dollars, it involves putting into the hands of young people in America the ideals that made this country great, I thought it would be appropriate if we adopt S. Con. Res. 143, which is the 4-H resolution. The Senator from North Carolina has been such a prominent part and one of the first cosponsors of this resolution. So let's adopt this resolution on Jesse Helms Appreciation Day.

My resolution, S. Con. Res. 143, designates next week, October 6 through 12, as the "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week."

The 4-H Youth Development Program sponsors clubs in rural and urban areas in every county throughout the Nation. As neighbors and colleagues, 4-H members and volunteers are making a difference by pledging the four Hs: their "heads" to a clearer thinking, "hearts" to greater loyalty, "hands" to larger service, and "health" to better living for the club, the community, the country, and the world.

In an era when education is recognized as more important than ever, 4-H offers a variety of training through its diverse programs. Young people gain experience and citizenship and civic education, communications and expressive arts, consumer and family sciences, environmental education and earth sciences, healthy lifestyle education, personal development and leadership, plants and animals, and science and technology; and it goes on.

4-H has grown to over 5 1/2 million annual participants from all ethnic backgrounds, ranging from ages 5 to 19. 4-H clubs strengthen families and communities and foster leadership and volunteerism for youth and adults.

I will say something about my State of Oklahoma. Turning to a survey of 22 counties in Oklahoma, 4-H members and volunteer leaders participated in 4 million hours of community service.

No Government program told them to do that. They just did it out of their hearts because they had leadership they could look up to, the ultimate leader being Senator HELMS in this case.

Whitney Ferris, a 4-H club member and student at the Oklahoma State University, is one example of someone who has given back to her community. She has used skills she has developed through 4-H to conduct leadership development classes for Native Americans in the Chickasaw Nation. As a result of her efforts, Whitney is now working with other Native American tribes in Oklahoma to help them establish development workshops in order to learn skills that will make them tomorrow's leaders.

That is what we are really talking about: tomorrow's leaders. We would like to produce more JESSE HELMSes for this world.

Other OSU students, who are also 4-H members, have won the prestigious Truman Scholarship for their outstanding academic and leadership skills.

Recently, I supported 4-H by requesting funding for a national civic education program to be conducted by the National 4-H Council. This program is aimed at involving young people from all socioeconomic backgrounds in public policy and community involvement, with a special focus on community governance and leadership skills.

I have also requested funding for an innovative Rural Health Outreach Program, which will be administered through the 4-H Youth Development Program.

This program will develop, implement and evaluate an overall youth health promotion and awareness strategy designed to target youth and their families, particularly in rural America. It will also devise strategies to reach minority and disadvantaged youth and their families.

4-H is changing the lives of America's youth for a brighter, better tomorrow and I am proud to recognize this important program.

Congratulations, 4-H, on your good work and your centennial.

I conclude by saying we have hundreds of thousands of kids around this country who are participating today and have participated in this program. I think that each one of them would look up to the top and see one person who really sets an example for what truly makes America great, and that would be our good friend JESSE HELMS.

I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 143 and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 143) designating October 6, 2002, through October

12, 2002, as "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week".

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I rise today in support of this resolution to designate next week as National 4-H Youth Development Program Week. 4-H is a wonderful organization that promotes volunteerism and leadership among this country's youth. With the participation of over 415,000 youth in New York State, 4-H is a wonderful organization devoted to enhancing the citizenship, leadership, and entrepreneurial abilities of youth.

4-H educates the young people in our country by giving them the opportunity to learn by doing. 4-H empowers our youth in their local communities, and encourages them to be active and to give back to their community.

In New York State, there are many 4-H clubs that are doing incredible things to help educate and shape our youth.

In New York City young people learn more about science through the education programs of 4-H. In the middle of an urban area, they can learn about agriculture and the source of their food through horticulture and hydroponics projects.

In Syracuse 4-Hers are participating in an Urban Delight program where young people participate in a farmers' market. They learn about where their food comes from and develop their entrepreneurial skills as vendors at the market.

The Genesee County 4-H offers a Government internship program. Young people are paired with county legislators to learn more about local government. 4-Hers see first-hand the process of decisionmaking that occurs in their local government.

On Long Island, afterschool 4-H programs are enriching the minds of young people through science and technology education. 4-Hers spend time in computer labs, learning about technology. 4-Hers are also participating in a science program that's taken a hands-on approach to learning chemistry by doing projects on topics such as water quality, oil slicks, and clothing fibers.

In New York's North Country, 4-H is alive and well. Youth have developed their entrepreneurial skills through operating a fish hatchery. They also enrich their communication skills by choosing a topic of interest and making presentations at local, regional, and State events.

4-H has made a commitment to be present on every military base. In particular, Jefferson County 4-H has partnered with the Army at Fort Drumm to provide educational opportunities to young people there. Members have access to national curriculum to provide them with the materials and information to pursue their interests.

4-H is a strong link between a State academic research institution, Cornell

University, and the youth of New York. When West Nile Virus was detected in New York State, 4-Hers working with horses and other equine projects were concerned for the health of their animals. Because of 4-H, information from the researchers at Cornell University was disseminated to these young people to better educate them on the disease and how to care for their animals.

4-H does incredible things for the 415,000 youth involved in New York State. But it also provides incredible opportunities for adults to interact with young people. Over 22,000 adults have volunteered to help guide the young people and make 4-H programs so successful.

I congratulate 4-H on 100 years of helping to shape this country's youth in a positive manner. With my colleagues, I am pleased to request that October 6-12 be designated as National 4-H Youth Development Program Week.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the youth organization 4-H for its achievement in developing leadership among our youth for 100 years. I have always been impressed by the leadership and enthusiasm shown by members of the 4-H Program. More importantly, I have always been a firm believer in the goals and directives of the 4-H Program. Through participation in fairs and shows, camps, gatherings, conferences, Character Counts, and the international youth exchange, the 4-H Program helps young people develop important life skills, self-confidence, and a better sense of the world around them.

I was proud to cosponsor the National 4-H Program Centennial Initiative, which President Bush signed into law. This bill authorizes a grant to the National 4-H Council to conduct a program of discussions through meetings, seminars, and listening on a national, State, and local level on strategies for youth development. I can't think of a better way to commemorate the 4-H Centennial than enacting this legislation and looking ahead to the youth of our future.

The 4-H Centennial Initiative is a wonderful example of a public-private partnership to develop new strategies for youth development. As our economy becomes increasingly global and technology-oriented, we must ensure that our Nation's youth are well-prepared for the ever-changing demands and challenges they will most certainly face. The 4-H Program has long been a developmental foundation for South Dakota youth, and I am pleased that this initiative will honor the celebration of the 4-H Centennial and enhance this program for the 21st century.

Each time a young person recites the 4-H pledge, "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world," it reflects the important values

and characteristics that guide 4-H members through their daily activities. These principles have helped 4-H become strong over the last 100 years, and they will set the course for 4-H in the future. It is with great honor that I have this opportunity to recognize such an outstanding youth organization. On behalf of all past and present members of 4-H, I congratulate the organization for its dedication, achievements, and continued success.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program and express my support for the "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week."

Since its inception, 4-H has played an integral role in extending agricultural education to young people all over the country, particularly in rural areas like Wyoming. Being a former 4-H member has given me an even greater appreciation of one of America's longest serving youth development organizations. The four H's—head, heart, hands, and health—are precepts I have never forgotten. I still remember as a high school student traveling away from home for the first time to the National 4-H Congress and the positive impact this organization has had on my life.

Today, there are over 60 million 4-H alumni world-wide, and the organization has expanded to meet new challenges of the 21st century. For example, 4-H provides a number of educational projects and activities in the areas of animal science, home economics, natural resources, handcrafts, as well as leadership and citizenship. Through these programs, young men and women have the opportunity to meet new friends, build self-confidence, learn to set and achieve goals, and develop a sense of pride as they "learn by doing." These types of activities underscore the importance of personal development, as well as encouraging our youth to become involved in their community. I am pleased to note that more than 8,000 young people from the State of Wyoming have chosen to make 4-H a part of their lives.

The motto of 4-H is "To Make the Best Better." I know that the organization will continue to do just that and I commend their efforts to provide an even greater service to our country's most valuable natural resource, our young people. I am pleased to join Senator INHOFE and many of my other Senate colleagues in support of 4-H and this Concurrent Resolution.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on behalf of the resolution that Senator INHOFE of Oklahoma, myself, and others today offer to designate next week, October 6-12, 2002, "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week".

I thank my colleague from Oklahoma for initiating this well-deserved tribute to 4-H for being such a positive influence on tomorrow's leaders—as it has done so well for the past century.

Throughout the years I have met with many of Kansas's finest young people. Many of whom I have recommended for scholarships and awards, had the honor to nominate to one of the service academies, or had the chance to meet and visit with in person. I am impressed with the caliber and character that the young leaders in my state possess. Mr. President, I am equally impressed with the high percentage of these leaders who happen to also be members of 4-H.

4-H is an organization that strives to "Make the Best Better." I commend them for their efforts in providing tomorrow's leaders with the opportunity to apply the valuable leadership skills that they develop as 4-H members.

Although 4-H began in rural America over a century ago and has grown to nearly 7 million members nation-wide, it has remained consistent in its focus of being a positive and motivating influence in the lives of America's youth.

There is a reason that so many of the young leaders from my state happen to also be 4-H members. 4-H has given them the guidance, the resources, the support, and most importantly the courage to face all the challenges and responsibilities that being a leader involves.

The events of September 2001 have taught us that tomorrow's leaders will continue to face new and difficult challenges. Therefore, Mr. President, I will also, in addition to offering well-deserved praise to 4-H on a 100 years of success, issue 4-H the serious challenge to continue to work hard to keep the youth of today involved in their clubs and their communities, so that they may be prepared to assume the responsibility of leadership when they are called to do so.

Mr. President, I'd like to again congratulate 4-H on a century of service to our nation's youth and I wish them another 100 years of success. I thank my colleagues. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, today I rise to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program and to thank my colleagues for their support a resolution introduced by Senator INHOFE and myself last month. The resolution designates the week of October 6, 2002 as "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week" and it was adopted by unanimous consent today.

Those who participate in 4-H pledge their heads for clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living for the club, the community, the country and the world.

I have been a member, a leader and an employee of 4-H. The skills and talents I learned with 4-H are ones I still use today. When I was a girl I learned to raise small animals, like rabbits. I also learned photography, sewing, cooking and public speaking. Most importantly, 4-H gave me self confidence.

This important program also taught me that adults need to share their

skills and knowledge with children, and I was happy to share what I had learned later as a 4-H leader. Eventually, I went to work for 4-H and set up an urban 4-H program in the south side of Lansing, MI where I learned organizational skills. We went door to door recruiting children to join as members and identified adults who were willing to volunteer and share their knowledge and skills with the children. Soon we had a number of groups on topics like auto mechanics, carpentry, sewing and gardening, as well as a sports program.

I am proud that 4-H is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It is a pleasure to be one of the lead cosponsors of the bill designating a week in honor of 4-H. I wish this organization many more years of success, and I know that future generations of children and families will have a better quality of life because of 4-H.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements regarding this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 143) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 143

Whereas the 4-H Youth Development Program celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2002;

Whereas members of the 4-H Youth Development Program pledge their Heads to clearer thinking, their Hearts to greater loyalty, their Hands to larger service, and their Health to better living for the club, the community, the country, and the world;

Whereas the 4-H Youth Development Program sponsors clubs in rural and urban areas throughout the world;

Whereas 4-H Clubs have grown to over 5,600,000 annual participants ranging from 5 to 19 years of age;

Whereas 4-H Clubs strengthen families and communities;

Whereas 4-H Clubs foster leadership and volunteerism for youth and adults;

Whereas 4-H Clubs build internal and external partnerships for programming and resource development;

Whereas today's 4-H Clubs are very diverse, offering projects relating to citizenship and civic education, communications and expressive arts, consumer and family sciences, environmental education and earth sciences, healthy lifestyle education, personal development and leadership, plants, animals, and science and technology; and

Whereas the 4-H Youth Development Program continues to make great contributions toward the development of well-rounded youth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the 4-H Youth Development Program;

(2) commends such program for service to the youth of the world;

(3) designates October 6, 2002, through October 12, 2002, as "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week"; and

(4) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week" with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, parliamentary inquiry: Are we now in a period of time that has been set aside for the appropriate recognition of the great service of Senator HELMS?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader is correct.

TRIBUTES TO JESSE HELMS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, it is with a great deal of pleasure but also sadness that I come today to pay tribute to the great Senator from North Carolina—sadness because I have enjoyed so much knowing him and working with him over the last 30 years, watching him in the Senate and in North Carolina and across America, loving him in so many ways and being inspired by him.

I remember when I first came to the Senate, he said: Thank goodness the cavalry is arriving.

I said: Senator HELMS, we will be glad to be the light cavalry for your heavy artillery any day.

So it is a moment of sadness but also of celebration of a great life, a great Senator, a lovely wife and a great family. Dot Helms is just the sweetest woman in the world. We come today to wish them much happiness and many years of enjoying their grandchildren and their beloved home in North Carolina in the years ahead. So it is with mixed emotions.

When the Duke of Wellington peered through his spyglass and saw Napoleon astride his white charger crossing the field of Waterloo, he turned to an aide and said, "The wave of his hat is worth 40,000 men on the field."

For me, and many others, that is the way it is when JESSE HELMS walks on to the floor of the Senate. Like his mentor Richard Russell, a Democrat, JESSE HELMS transcends his times. He is the Senator's Senator.

To many of us, JESSE HELMS is a hero of almost mythic proportions. To those of us from the South, he exemplifies what we were taught in Sunday school and aspired to be—the true gentleman, soft spoken, innately fair, unfailingly courteous, and a man to whom his word is his bond. That is the JESSE HELMS that so many of the staffers and so many of us know on a personal basis. It is not necessarily the one that one has seen portrayed sometime in the media, but that is the one we really know, an incomparable gentleman.

For 30 years, he has combined the rare qualities of humility and vision; love of country and statesmanship; and a faith in God and freedom that made him a legend across many parts of America and around the world.

Senator HELMS believes that the most sublime word in the English language is "duty"—duty to God, to country, to the Constitution, and to family.

As I noted, if one reads some of the national media, they get a completely different impression. He long ago was

labeled "Senator No," and they condemned him to the liberal version of purgatory. I think what really made him mad was that Senator HELMS was the one politician who never really cared too much about what the chattering classes had to say. After all, he had been one of them. He pays attention to the English language. He was a journalist. He had higher commitments on which he was focused.

What counts to JESSE HELMS in the end is what people say in Monroe, Rocky Mount, Dunn, the larger cities and hundreds of small towns and churches across the "Old North State," as they call it in North Carolina.

JESSE likes to tell a story recounted to him by another great North Carolinian, the late Senator Sam Ervin, also a Democrat. When "Senator Sam" picked up a copy of the Charlotte Observer one day and read what it had to say about him, he shook his head in disgust. The fellow selling the paper was an old man named Lum Garrison. Senator HELMS liked to talk about Lum Garrison.

When Lum saw how upset the Senator was, he said: Don't worry, Sam. The Charlotte Observer don't know nothing and they got it mixed up.

Incidentally, it was JESSE's friend Sam Ervin who walked out of his home in Morganton, NC, when Senator HELMS was in the political fight of his life in 1984, faced down the news media and endorsed JESSE HELMS for reelection. Senator Ervin bucked his own party and his Governor when he said there are many intelligent people in public life but few of them are courageous. JESSE HELMS is courageous. That was from Sam Ervin.

If we listen to what some people say, we would not know that JESSE is the son of a small town sheriff, and that he and his beloved wife of 60 years, Dorothy—or "Dot"—have three children, one of them adopted, and seven grandchildren. We would not know that JESSE HELMS was the father of the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon and that he never lost an election, whether it was for the Raleigh city council or the Senate. We would not know it was JESSE HELMS who defied a sitting Republican President to rescue the moribund candidacy of a former actor and Governor of California in the 1976 North Carolina Republican primary, thus laying the groundwork for the Reagan revolution 4 years later. We would not know that the positions he championed singlehandedly for so many years, the sanctity of life, smaller government, lower taxes, welfare reform, prayer in schools, and an American-centered foreign policy are now in the mainstream of American political thought.

Senator HELMS is an uncompromising foe of the enemies of freedom. When some politicians were trying to make peace with communism, accepting the "inevitability of history," JESSE jeered the Soviet Union and its acolytes, echoing Winston Churchill's words,