

solicit public input on the exchange in order to appreciate the potential benefits and costs involved. I held several public meetings in Arizona on the exchange and have heard and read the differing views of hundreds of interested Arizonans.

After careful consideration, I believe it is appropriate that the bill be introduced at this time. While the proposed exchange has the support of the Forest Service, the elected representatives of the affected communities, and the camps, introduction of this bill advances us to the next phase of public consideration of key aspects and procedural issues associated with the legislation.

I expect that public hearings will be held here and in Arizona on the bill in the near future. The Forest Service will have an opportunity to provide public statements concerning the specific provisions of the bill, as will other parties affected by the exchange. I anticipate that in the next phase of the legislative process, our state delegation will receive the information needed to address any remaining issues and ensure that this exchange will be conducted in a manner that benefits the citizens of Arizona and Federal taxpayers alike.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, today, I am pleased to join with Senator McCAIN to introduce the Northern Arizona National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2003. This bill, which facilitates a large and very complex land exchange in Arizona, is the product of months of discussions between the Forest Service, community groups, local officials, and other stakeholders. It will allow communities to accommodate growth and improve the management of our forests; it will also yield many environmental benefits to the public.

This bill will protect some of Arizona's most beautiful ponderosa pine forests from future development by placing approximately 35,000 acres of private land into public use. It consolidates a 110-square mile area in the Prescott National Forest near the existing Juniper Mesa Wilderness under Forest Service ownership, to preserve the area in its natural state and prevent its subdivision. This land has old growth ponderosa pine that is at least 250 years old and juniper that is 500 years old or older. Consolidation will preserve the area for watershed management, wildlife habitat, and outdoor recreation. Without consolidation, these tracts would be open to future development. I am pleased that this bill will preserve them for future generations.

This bill significantly improves management of the Prescott National Forest. The existing checkerboard ownership pattern in the Prescott makes management and access difficult. The exchange improves management of the forest by consolidating this land, and allowing the Forest Service to effectively apply forest-restoration treatments designed to improve forest

health and reduce hazardous fuels. In turn, better management will help decrease the fire risk in Arizona's forests. The importance of improved management and efficient restoration treatments cannot be overstated given last year's devastating Rodeo-Chediski fire.

In addition to protecting Arizona's natural resources, this bill allows several Northern Arizona communities to accommodate future growth and economic development, and to meet other municipal needs. The exchange will allow the Cities of Williams and Flagstaff to expand their airports and water-treatment facilities, and develop town parks and recreation areas. The town of Camp Verde will have the opportunity to acquire lands for view shed protection. Several youth organizations throughout northern Arizona will be able to acquire land for their camps.

Even as it addresses environmental and community needs, this bill saves significant taxpayer dollars. It obviates the administrative route for land exchange—doing an exchange of this size administratively would require considerable financial and personnel resources within the Forest Service. The agency estimates that the legislative approach will cost half as much as the administrative alternative—resulting in potential savings to the taxpayers in excess of \$500,000.

This land exchange is supported and endorsed by many municipalities, religious institutions, environmental groups, and other nongovernmental organizations in Arizona. Experts from the Arizona Game and Fish Department have reviewed the lands to be exchanged and strongly support the proposal. I have received hundreds of letters and petitions from residents expressing support for it. This exchange is extremely important to the residents of Arizona.

This land exchange is a unique opportunity to protect Arizona's natural resources while accommodating the tremendous growth that my State is experiencing. This bill is good for the state of Arizona and I plan to work with my colleagues to ensure that we pass this important legislation this year.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 112—DESIGNATING APRIL 11TH, 2003, AS "NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 112

Whereas National Youth Service Day is an annual public awareness and education campaign that highlights the amazing contributions that young people make to their communities throughout the year;

Whereas the goals of National Youth Service Day are to mobilize youths to identify and address the needs of their communities through service, recruit the next generation of volunteers, and educate the public about the contributions young people make as community leaders throughout the year;

Whereas young people in the United States are volunteering more than has any generation in American history;

Whereas the ongoing contributions young people make to their communities throughout the year should be recognized and encouraged;

Whereas young people should be viewed as the hope not only of tomorrow, but of today, and should be valued for the inherent idealism, energy, creativity, and commitment that they employ in addressing the needs of their communities;

Whereas there is a fundamental and absolute correlation between youth service and lifelong adult volunteering and philanthropy;

Whereas, through volunteer service and related learning opportunities, young people build character and learn valuable skills, including time management, teamwork, needs-assessment, and leadership, that are sought by employers;

Whereas service-learning, an innovative teaching method combining service to the community with classroom curriculum, is a proven strategy to increase academic achievement;

Whereas National Youth Service Day was first organized in 1988 by Youth Service America and the Campus Outreach Opportunity League, and is now being observed in 2003 for the 15th consecutive year;

Whereas Youth Service America continues to expand National Youth Service Day, now engaging millions of young people nationwide with 50 Lead Agencies in nearly every State to organize activities across the United States;

Whereas Youth Service America has expanded National Youth Service Day to involve over 60 National Partners;

Whereas National Youth Service Day has inspired Global Youth Service Day, which occurs concurrently in 127 countries and is now in its fourth year; and

Whereas young people will benefit greatly from expanded opportunities to engage in meaningful volunteer service: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. RECOGNITION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE.

The Senate recognizes and commends the significant contributions of American youth and encourages the cultivation of a common civic bond among young people dedicated to serving their neighbors, their communities, and the Nation.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY.

(a) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the President should designate April 11, 2003, as "National Youth Service Day".

(b) PROCLAMATION.—The Senate requests the President to issue a proclamation—

(1) designating April 11, 2003, as "National Youth Service Day"; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States to—

(A) observe the day by encouraging and engaging youth to participate in civic and community service projects;

(B) recognize the volunteer efforts of our Nation's young people throughout the year; and

(C) support these efforts as an investment in the future of our Nation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 113—COM-MENDING THE HUSKIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOR WINNING THE 2003 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 113

Whereas the University of Connecticut women's basketball team won its third national championship in 4 years by defeating arch-rival University of Tennessee by the score of 73 to 68;

Whereas the Huskies finished the 2002-2003 season with a record of 37 wins and 1 loss, and have now won 76 of their last 77 games;

Whereas during the 2002-2003 season the Huskies won their 70th game in a row, setting a new record for NCAA Division I Women's Basketball;

Whereas Coach Geno Auriemma has been coaching the Huskies for 18 years, and achieved his 500th career win this season;

Whereas Coach Auriemma won his second-straight Coach of the Year honor this year;

Whereas Diana Taurasi was chosen as the national women's player of the year, and the NCAA Tournament's most valuable player;

Whereas Ashley Battle was chosen as Big East defensive player of the year;

Whereas the high caliber of the Huskies in both athletics and academics has significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young men and women alike; and

Whereas the Huskies unparalleled success continues to bring enormous pride and joy to the people of Connecticut and to sports aficionados around the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for—

(1) completing the 2002-2003 women's basketball season with a record of 37 wins and 1 loss, including winning their record 70th game in a row; and

(2) winning the 2003 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship, their fourth national championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 114—HONORING THE LIFE OF NBC REPORTER DAVID BLOOM, AND EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS DEATH

Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mrs. DOLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 114

Whereas the Senate has learned with sadness of the death of NBC Reporter David Bloom;

Whereas David Bloom, a native of Edina, Minnesota, greatly distinguished himself by his rapid rise in the field of journalism;

Whereas, most recently, David Bloom was embedded with the Third Infantry Division of the United States Army to provide in-depth reporting on the war in Iraq;

Whereas David Bloom, as a skilled and determined reporter, covered many major news stories for NBC News, including reporting from Israel on the escalating violence in the Middle East, the recovery efforts from Ground Zero after September 11, 2001, the war on terrorism at home, and the Washington, D.C., sniper story;

Whereas, while covering the White House beat between 1997 and 2000, David Bloom reported on the Maryland Peace Summit with Yassir Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu, on Operation Desert Fox in Iraq, and on the NATO air campaign in Kosovo;

Whereas, prior to being named White House Correspondent, David Bloom was a Los Angeles-based correspondent for NBC News, where he reported extensively on the Unabomber, the Freeman ranch standoff, and the war in Bosnia;

Whereas David Bloom was a co-recipient of the 1992 George Foster Peabody Award, a winner of the Radio-Television News Directors Association Edward R. Murrow Award for his coverage of Hurricane Andrew, and a 1991 Regional Emmy Award winner for Investigative Journalism for his report on the shipment of arms to Iraq from south Florida;

Whereas David Bloom was a devoted husband to his wife, Melanie, and a proud father to three exceptional daughters, Nicole, Christine, and Ava; and

Whereas David Bloom's life was distinguished for its great ambition, multitude of accomplishments, standards of excellence, dedication to family, and important contributions to the dissemination of unbiased information to citizens throughout the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) pays tribute to the outstanding career and devoted work of David Bloom;

(2) expresses its deepest condolences to his family; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of David Bloom.

SENATE RESOLUTION 115—CONGRATULATING THE SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2003 NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 115

Whereas on Monday, April 7, 2003, the Syracuse University Orangemen men's basketball team won its first Division I national basketball championship;

Whereas Syracuse University won the championship game by defeating the University of Kansas Jayhawks 81 to 78;

Whereas the Syracuse University team was led by freshman Carmelo Anthony, who was voted Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four, and received outstanding effort and support from Gerry McNamara, Billy Edelin, Kueth Duany, Hakim Warrick, Craig Forth, Jeremy McNeil, and Josh Pace;

Whereas the roster of the Syracuse University team also included Tyrone Albright, Josh Brooks, Xzavier Gaines, Matt Gorman, Gary Hall, Ronneil Herron, and Andrew Kouwe;

Whereas Head Coach Jim Boeheim has coached at Syracuse University for 27 years and been involved with the Syracuse University men's basketball team for more than half his life;

Whereas Coach Boeheim had previously coached in 2 national championship games, including a heartbreaking loss in 1987;

Whereas Coach Boeheim and his coaching staff, including Associate Head Coach Bernie Fine and Assistant Head Coaches Mike Hopkins and Troy Weaver, deserve much credit for their outstanding determination and accomplishments of their young team; and

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of Syracuse University are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in their national champion men's basketball team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Syracuse University men's basketball team for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I men's basketball national championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the achievements of the Syracuse University men's basketball team and invite them to the White House for an appropriate ceremony honoring a national championship team; and

(4) directs Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Syracuse University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 NCAA Division I men's basketball national championship team.

SENATE RESOLUTION 116—COMMEMORATING THE LIFE, ACHIEVEMENTS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF AL LERNER

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 116

Whereas Alfred Lerner ("Al" to those who knew him best) was a successful, humble, compassionate, and well respected member of his family and community whose life was devoted to civic involvement and efforts to improve the quality of education and health care available to his fellow citizens;

Whereas Al Lerner was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1933, graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in 1951, and received a B.A. from Columbia College in 1955;

Whereas Al Lerner was a Marine Corps officer and pilot from 1955 through 1957, displaying his love of country by wearing his Marine Corps cap long after finishing his tour of duty, and later was a director of the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation;

Whereas Al Lerner was the son of Russian immigrants, and in 2002 received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which celebrates immigrant heritage and individual achievements;

Whereas Al Lerner and his high school sweetheart, best friend, and partner in life, Norma Lerner, shared 47 years of marriage and were deeply committed to their 2 children, Randy and Nancy;

Whereas Al and Norma Lerner made extremely generous contributions to local and national charities, including a contribution of \$10,000,000 in 1993 to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, a donation of \$16,000,000 to support construction of the Lerner Research Institute, and a donation of \$100,000,000 to the Cleveland Clinic—one of the largest donations to academic medicine in the history of the United States;

Whereas Al Lerner served as president and trustee of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation