

this fiscal year, currently pays Part B premiums for Medicare beneficiaries earning less than \$12,570 this year. That's about \$1,050 a month. Medicare Part B premiums are expected to increase to \$75 next year. That's a substantial sum for beneficiaries living on a fixed income of \$1,000 a month. 7.5 percent of their total income, in fact, and that's just for premiums for one part of the Medicare program—they must still pay coinsurance and the deductible for Parts A and B.

In enacting the Medicare prescription drug benefit last year, Congress acknowledged that seniors with incomes up to 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Line—in 2004, that's about \$14,000 a year, or \$17,000 per couple—need some additional help in paying their drug bills. I viewed the low-income drug assistance provisions as one of the great successes of the prescription drug bill. We should not give with one hand and take away with another by allowing the QI-1 program to expire—hurting the very same people that we tried to help in the Medicare prescription drug bill.

The QI-1 bill is a truly bipartisan effort. Democrats, particularly my colleague Senator BINGAMAN from New Mexico, have long championed the QI-1 program. And the Administration's budget for Fiscal Year 2005 includes an extension for QI-1s. I urge my colleagues to support this important program and work with me to get it passed as quickly as possible.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. FRIST, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFF, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. MILLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. TALENT):

S.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage; read the first time.

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

S.J. RES. 40

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States:

“ARTICLE—

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Article may be cited as the ‘Federal Marriage Amendment’.

“SECTION 2. MARRIAGE AMENDMENT.

“Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution, nor the constitution of any State, shall be construed to re-

quire that marriage or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon any union other than the union of a man and a woman.”.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DASCHLE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. INHOFF, Mr. LAUTTENBURG, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DODD, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. CCAIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CHAFFEE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S.J. Res. 41. A joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, it is my pleasure and distinct honor to introduce, on behalf of myself and 31 other Senators, a joint resolution commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.

This Museum was many years in the making. It's been 15 years since the bill authorizing the construction of the museum was signed into law, and that was only the beginning of a long, difficult path.

There are many people who deserve praise and gratitude for their unstinting efforts in realizing this dream—far too many for me to name them all here. I would, however, like to honor two people in particular for their dedication and perseverance in seeing this task through to completion: my friend, colleague and vice chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, DANIEL K. INOUE; and, Rick West, director of the National Museum of the American Indian, and my Southern Cheyenne brother.

I consider myself fortunate that I was there at the beginning, serving in the House of Representatives when the museum was authorized, and I will be there on September 21, 2004, when the National Museum of the American Indian first opens its doors to the public.

I consider the American people fortunate in that they now possess a remarkable resource for learning about Indian cultures and civilizations.

I also consider American Indians fortunate that, finally, there is a national facility dedicated to and worthy of their cultures. History has not always been kind to Native Americans, neither the events that occurred nor the words recorded about them, and the United States has not always accorded honor where honor was due the Indians. The National Museum of the American Indian is an important step in rectifying this omission and continuing the reconciliation between a great nation and its first peoples.

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

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

S.J. RES. 41

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian Act (20 U.S.C. 808 et seq.) established within the Smithsonian Institution the National Museum of the American Indian, and authorized the construction of a facility to house the National Museum of the American Indian on the National Mall in the District of Columbia;

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian officially opens on September 21, 2004;

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian will be the only national museum devoted exclusively to the history and art of cultures indigenous to the Americas, and will give all Americans the opportunity to learn of the cultural legacy, historic grandeur, and contemporary culture of Native Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN.

Congress—

(1) recognizes the important and unique contribution of Native Americans to the cultural legacy of the United States, both in the past and currently;

(2) honors the cultural achievements of all Native Americans;

(3) celebrates the official opening of the National Museum of the American Indian; and

(4) encourages all Americans to take advantage of the resources of the National Museum of the American Indian to learn about the history and culture of Native Americans.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 399—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JULY 11 THROUGH JULY 17, 2004, AS “OINKARI BASQUE DANCERS WEEK”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

S. RES. 399

Whereas the Basques have a long, proud history in the State of Idaho and across the United States;

Whereas Basque Americans have become an integral part of Idaho's unique identity;

Whereas the Oinkari Basque Dancers have dedicated over 40 years to the preservation and performance of the unique folk dances of their Basque heritage;

Whereas these dedicated young people have traveled nationally and internationally to perform their dances and act as good will ambassadors of the American West;

Whereas the Oinkari Basque Dancers have performed for countless charities, hospitals, nursing homes, and centers for the disabled to share their culture and talents with other;

Whereas the Oinkari Basque Dancers have shown continued dedication to promote culture, dance, music, and education; and

Whereas the Oinkari Basque Dancers will be sharing their unique culture and music with visitors of Washington, D.C., as part of the “Homegrown 2004: The Music of America” concert series, presented by the Library of Congress American Folklife Center: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of July 11 through July 17, 2004, as “Oinkari Basque Dancers Week”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President. It is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize the Oinkari Basque Dancers for their dedication to the arts and culture of their great heritage.

The Basques have a long, proud history in the State of Idaho, which is home to the largest concentrated population of Basques outside of their native country. The first Basques began arriving in Idaho around 1890, the same year Idaho achieved statehood. Since then, the Basques have become an integral part of Idaho's unique identity. While citizens of Basque descent exist in each of our 50 States, the presence of the Basque culture is perhaps most evident in Boise, ID, a hub of Basque cultural activities and home to the Basque Center, the Cenarrusa Center for Basque Studies, and the Basque Museum and Culture Center. Boise also hosts the Jaialdi Basque festival, which attracts visitors from around the world. One of the most notable activities for young Idaho Basques is the preservation of their unique music and dance. The Oinkari Basque Dancers are an excellent example of this dedication to dance, music and education.

This group of young Basque Americans was founded over 40 years ago to preserve and perform the unique folk dances of their Basque heritage. Their traditional dances have been taught to hundreds of young Basques over the years. These dedicated young people have traveled nationally, including here in our Nation's capital, and internationally to perform their dances and act as good will ambassadors of the American West. Their travels have included trips to the Basque country where they performed alongside native Basque dancing groups. The Oinkaris also perform for local charities, hospitals, nursing homes and centers for the disabled to share their culture and talents with others. They have entertained people from the State Fair to the World's Fair and never failed to impress an audience.

There are many talented individuals responsible for the Oinkaris' many accomplishments, but I believe there is one who deserves special recognition. The dancers are led by the music of Jim Jausoro, a founding member of the Oinkaris. “Jimmy” Jausoro has received numerous cultural honors, including the National Heritage Award from National Endowment for the Arts. Under his tireless leadership, the Oinkaris have grown and developed into an elite dance group who represent their ancestry in the true spirit of dance and music.

For their dedication to arts, I am pleased to call Idaho the home of the Oinkari Basque Dancers, and pleased to honor them today.

SENATE RESOLUTION 400—RECOGNIZING THE 2004 CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 400

Whereas today's youth are vital to the preservation of our country and will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy;

Whereas youth need positive direction as they transition into adulthood;

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the Nation's youth;

Whereas the Congressional Awards program is committed to recognizing our Nation's most valuable asset, our youth, by encouraging them to set and accomplish goals in the areas of volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploring;

Whereas more than 14,000 young people have been involved in the Congressional Awards program this year;

Whereas through the efforts of dedicated advisors across the country this year one hundred seventy-six students earned the Congressional Award Gold Medal;

Whereas increased awareness of the program's existence will encourage youth throughout the nation to become involved with the Congressional Awards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) Recognizes the 2004 Congressional Award Gold Medal recipients Kori Agin-Batten, Elsbeth Allen, Noah Anderson, Geoffrey Patrick Arai, Kristyn Amour, Stephen Asker, Benjamin Jacob Ulrich Banwart, Elizabeth Barker, Robert G. Barnett, Christopher Belcher, Regina Bennis-Hartman, Samuel B. Blumberg, Christopher Bosch, Barrett Brandon, Blair Brandon, Brooke Brandon, Lindsey Buscemi, Adam M. Cain, Daniel Campis, Tina Cannon, Kent Cheung, Alexander Chun, Madeleine Clark, Sarah Clark, Michael Clontz, Michelle Cox, Jeremy Crump, Kimberly Dahl, Dung Dam, Quoc Dam, Tri Dam, Kaitlin Davis, Deanna M. DeGregorio, Erin J. DeGroot, Katherine D. DeGroot, John Daniel DeJarnette, Clifton Michael Der Bing, Joshua W. Detherage, Christina Dodson, Matthew Doumar, Lindsay Madison Elgart, Marisa Enrico, Elizabeth Erratt, Julia Evans, Dewan Kazi Farhana, Amanda Feldman, Sarah Finch, Justin Floyd, Amanda Flynn, Richard Zachary Freed, Rigoberto Garcia, Yaneth Garcia-Lopez, Amanda Gersch, Cory Gibson, Anna Gorin, Arielle Gorin, Gina Marie Gormley, Daniel Grad, Tabitha Grad, Rebecca Marie Green, Megan Hanson, Nicole Hanson, Ryan Headley, John Baron Hoff, Jessica Honan, Laura Honan, Lindsey Howard, Harry Kline Howell III, Dermot Sean Hoynes, Daniel Hults, Manuel Ibarra, Angeles Jacobo, Jennifer Anne Jasper, Sarah Jennings, Tabitha Jennings, Tyler Jussel, Atul Kapila, Nikolas Kappy, Megan Kavanagh, Cristina Kavendek, Abbie Klinghoffer, Alexander J. Knihnicky, Ross Kozarsky, Jeffrey David Lambin, Andrew Langfield, Heather R. Leung-Van Hassel, Grace Lichlyter, Zachary Myles Lindsey, Jessica M. Link, Katherine Victoria Lugar, Ryan MacCluen, Raul Magdaleno, Raymond Malapero, Jonathan R. Mason, Rebecca N. Massicotte, Kelly McCormick, Benjamin McDonough, Alyssa McIntyre, Richelle Milburn, Sri Hari Miskin, Sarath Mom, Eric Moulton, Kathleen Mullins, Sarah Mullins, Carolina Munoz, Christine Murray, Kathleen Murray, Samuel Nassie, Douglas

Neder, Matthew Neder, Patrick Novak, Ricardo Nunez, Maria Fatima Olvera-Santana, Sonar Or, Lauren Pace, Colby Patchin, Emily C. Patchin, Jamin Patel, Elizabeth Philbin, Daniel R. Philbrick, Lauren Priori, Christy Pugh, Hannah Qualls, Sarah Raymond, Brett Rendina, Kristen N. Richter, Margarete Rosenkranz, Erin Rosen-Watson, Julie Rothfarb, Sarah Ann Rudoff, Maggie Salter, Stacia Scattolon, Jessinah Schaefer, Rachel Lyn Schmidt, Lindsay Schroeder, Megan Schroeder, Loni L. Schumacher, Magan Lindsey Scott, Mallory J. Selzer, Jessica Seppi, Anupriya Singhal, Elyssa Starr Sisko, Geoffrey Morgan Smith, Kayla Smith, Michael Smyth, Eric Snyder, Karin Marie Spindler, Georgia Stegall, Charles Strong, Jared Cameron Sullivan, Danielle Sutter, Creighton Lee Taylor, Matthew M. Thies, Sarah Tipton, Erick Todd, Elaine Trahan, Landon Trost, Christine Truesdell, Georgette Tzatzalos, Staff Sergeant Cornelio Umali, Lacey VanderBoegh, Katherine Warner, Emily J. Warren, Kate V. Warren, Brian Washakowski, Crystal-Mae Waugh, Elyse Weissman, Joanna Whitten, Brent Wright, Chantelle Wright, Trevor John Wright, Christopher Zaehring, Brian Zobel, Christopher Zobel, Matthew Zobel and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to promote awareness of and volunteer involvement in the Congressional Awards program.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3547. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3548. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2062, *supra*.

SA 3549. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3548 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill S. 2062, *supra*.

SA 3550. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2062, *supra*.

SA 3551. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3550 proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill S. 2062, *supra*.

SA 3552. Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2062, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3553. Mr. GRAHAM, of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2062, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3554. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2062, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3547. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2062, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 26 strike line 24 and insert the following of this act: