

SENATE RESOLUTION 219—DESIGNATING MARCH 8, 2006, AS “ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY”, AND ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO BECOME EDUCATED ABOUT, AND AWARE OF, THREATS TO SPECIES, SUCCESS STORIES IN SPECIES RECOVERY, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE SPECIES CONSERVATION WORLDWIDE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. CHAFEE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 219

Whereas in the United States and around the world, more than 1,000 species are officially designated as at risk of extinction and thousands more also face a heightened risk of extinction;

Whereas the actual and potential benefits derived from many species have not yet been fully discovered and would be permanently lost if not for conservation efforts;

Whereas recovery efforts for species such as the whooping crane, Kirtland’s warbler, the peregrine falcon, the gray wolf, the gray whale, the grizzly bear, and others have resulted in great improvements in the viability of such species;

Whereas saving a species requires a combination of sound research, careful coordination, and intensive management of conservation efforts, along with increased public awareness and education; and

Whereas education and increasing public awareness are the first steps in effectively informing the public about endangered species and species restoration efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 8, 2006, as “Endangered Species Day”; and

(2) encourages—

(A) educational entities to spend at least 30 minutes on “Endangered Species Day” teaching and informing students about threats to, and the restoration of, endangered species around the world;

(B) organizations, businesses, and agencies with a shared interest in conserving endangered species to collaborate on educational information for use in schools; and

(C) the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution to establish “Endangered Species Day” on March 8, 2006. I am submitting this resolution with Senators CHAFEE, CLINTON, and CRAPO whose co-sponsorship I greatly appreciate.

Additionally, I want to commend my constituent Mr. David Robinson for suggesting the establishment of an “Endangered Species Day.” I have appreciated his hard work and dedication. Individuals like Mr. Robinson do make a difference.

The designation of an “Endangered Species Day” provides a multitude of opportunities for young people, students, and the general public to learn more about endangered species in both our country and abroad. It is my hope that establishing an “Endangered Species Day” encourages schools, civic organizations, agencies, and businesses to educate the general public about the

threats to and our efforts to restore these precious species in our midst. I believe that “Endangered Species Day” will foster increased communication and awareness about many of the most endangered species by encouraging such activities as school field trips to the zoo or attending a lecture at the local library.

With the recent discovery of the once thought to be extinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker in Arkansas and the Mount Diablo Buckwheat in California, I think this is an opportune moment to highlight the success of many of our conservation efforts. For example, in my home State of California, I am especially proud of the conservation and management efforts that have helped significantly restore populations of California condor, winter run chinook salmon, the least Bell’s vireo songbird, and the California gray whale.

Despite these success stories, we need to be aware that more needs to be done. At this time, we have more than 1,000 species in the U.S. and abroad, which are designated as “at risk” for extinction. One small step is to increase awareness about the seriousness of the circumstances facing many of these endangered species and educating the public about these species.

I am introducing this bill with the hope that “Endangered Species Day” can spark the wonder and interest in our youth to continue the conservation efforts we have begun but still are far from finishing.

SENATE RESOLUTION 220—TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE PASSAGE OF THE ANTI-SECESSION LAW BY THE NATIONAL PEOPLE’S CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND TAIWAN ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BOND, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 220

Whereas any attempt to determine Taiwan’s future by other than peaceful means and other than with the express consent of the people of Taiwan is of grave concern to the United States;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China increased its military budget by 12.6 percent this year and currently maintains approximately 700 conventional missiles and 250,000 troops along the Taiwan Strait;

Whereas the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China on March 14, 2005, passed an anti-secession law creating a legal framework for possible use of force against Taiwan;

Whereas the anti-secession law mandates that China use military action under certain circumstances, including when “possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted”;

Whereas any threat of force against Taiwan only serves to escalate tension between

Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China, impede dialogue between the 2 countries, and undermine regional peace and security;

Whereas the anti-secession law endorses dialogue between China and Taiwan “on an equal footing,” and calls on China to promote peace and stability through personal exchanges, closer economic ties, and other measures;

Whereas, in recent years, Taiwan has invested more than \$80,000,000,000 in enterprises in China, and China is now Taiwan’s largest trading partner, with total trade worth over \$50,000,000,000;

Whereas, on February 24, 2005, Chen Shui-bian, the President of Taiwan, and James Soong, the leader of the People’s First Party, issued a 10-point consensus affirming their commitment to preserve the status quo regarding the issue of independence or unification and outlining steps to reinforce economic, cultural, and academic exchanges with mainland China;

Whereas, in recent months, Lien Chan, the leader of the Nationalist Party, and Mr. Soong have made private visits to China and met with senior Chinese officials; and

Whereas there have been no official talks on future relations between Taiwan and the People’s Republic of China since 1998, and China recently rejected a proposal by Taiwan for a meeting at a neutral location: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the President should direct all appropriate officials of the United States Government to convey to their counterpart officials in the Government of China the grave concern with which the United States Government views the threat of force embodied in the anti-secession law enacted by the Government of the People’s Republic of China in particular, and the growing Chinese military threat to Taiwan in general; and

(2) the United States Government should continue to encourage dialogue between the People’s Republic of China and Taiwan on an equal footing and without preconditions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 221—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “NATIONAL CAMPUS SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH”

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

S. RES. 221

Whereas college and university campuses are subject to criminal threats both from within and outside their borders;

Whereas under the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act a total of 86 homicides, 7,648 sex offenses, 9,649 aggravated assaults, and 3,590 arsons were reported on-campus from 2000 to 2002;

Whereas between 1/5 and 1/4 of female students become the victim of a completed or attempted rape, usually by someone they know, during their college careers;

Whereas each year more than 70,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault;

Whereas each year more than 600,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking;

Whereas 1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes;

Whereas each year there is approximately \$2.8 million dollars worth of property damage from fires on-campus;

Whereas Security On Campus, Inc., a national group dedicated to promoting safety and security on college and university campuses, and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Student Government Association have designated September 2005 as National Campus Safety Awareness Month; and

Whereas the designation of National Campus Safety Awareness Month provides an opportunity for colleges and universities to inform students about existing campus crime trends, campus security policies, crime prevention techniques, fire safety, and alcohol and other drug education, prevention, and treatment programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of "National Campus Safety Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 222—HONORING THE VICTORIES OF TEAM DISCOVERY AND AMERICAN CYCLISTS LANCE ARMSTRONG AND GEORGE HINCAPIE IN THE 2005 TOUR DE FRANCE

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 222

Whereas Team Discovery included Lance Armstrong of Texas and George Hincapie of South Carolina from the United States, José Luis Rubiera, Manuel Beltran, and Benjamin Noval from Spain, Pavel Padrnos from the Czech Republic, José Azevedo from Portugal, Paolo Savoldelli from Italy, and Yaroslav Popovych from Ukraine;

Whereas Team Discovery won the 2005 Tour de France under the leadership of Lance Armstrong, who rode to victory by completing the 2,232-mile, 21-stage course in 86 hours, 15 minutes, and 2 seconds, finishing 4 minutes and 40 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor;

Whereas, by winning the Tour de France on July 24, 2005, Lance Armstrong became the only competitor in the history of the Tour de France to win cycling's most prestigious race in 7 consecutive years;

Whereas George Hincapie rode stage 15, which was 127.4 miles long and included 1 above category climb, 4 category 1 climbs, and 1 category 2 climb, for a total of 33.5 miles of climbing at an average gradient of 7.96 percent;

Whereas stage 15 was considered the hardest stage of the 2005 Tour de France and the victory of George Hincapie atop Pla d'Adet marks his first Tour de France stage victory;

Whereas George Hincapie is only the 8th competitor from the United States to win a stage in the Tour de France;

Whereas George Hincapie has participated in the Tour de France 10 times and is the only teammate to assist Lance Armstrong in each of his Tour de France victories;

Whereas Lance Armstrong and George Hincapie displayed incredible perseverance, determination, and leadership over 7 years with their teammates in prevailing over the mountainous terrain of the Alps and Pyrenees and in overcoming crashes, illness, hard-charging rivals, and driving rain on the way to winning the premier cycling event in the world;

Whereas, in 1996, Lance Armstrong defeated choriocarcinoma, an aggressive form of testicular cancer that had spread throughout his abdomen, lungs, and brain, and has remained cancer-free since treatment for the disease;

Whereas Lance Armstrong is the 1st cancer survivor to win the Tour de France;

Whereas the accomplishments of Team Discovery have made the team an inspiration to millions of people around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors—

(A) the victory of Team Discovery in the 2005 Tour de France;

(B) professional cyclist Lance Armstrong for his record 7th consecutive Tour de France victory; and

(C) professional cyclist George Hincapie for his 1st Tour de France stage victory; and

(2) commends Lance Armstrong and George Hincapie for being pioneers of the sport of cycling in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 223—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 223

Whereas life insurance is an essential part of a sound financial plan;

Whereas life insurance provides financial security for families in the event of a premature death by helping surviving family members meet immediate and longer-term financial obligations and objectives;

Whereas nearly 50,000,000 Americans say they lack the life insurance coverage needed to ensure a secure financial future for their loved ones;

Whereas recent studies have found that when a premature death occurs, insufficient life insurance coverage on the part of the insured results in $\frac{3}{4}$ of surviving family members having to take measures such as working additional jobs or longer hours, borrowing money, withdrawing money from savings and investment accounts, and, in too many cases, moving to smaller, less expensive housing;

Whereas individuals, families, and businesses can benefit greatly from professional insurance and financial planning advice, including the assessment of their life insurance needs; and

Whereas the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), and a coalition representing hundreds of leading life insurance companies and organizations have designated September 2005 as "National Life Insurance Awareness Month", the goal of which is to make consumers more aware of their life insurance needs, seek professional advice, and take the actions necessary to achieve the financial security of their loved ones: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month"; and

(2) calls on the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1633. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions

from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1634. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1635. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1636. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1637. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1638. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1639. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1640. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1641. Mr. FRIST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1642. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 397, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1643. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mrs. DOLE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 792, to establish a National sex offender registration database, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1633. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 397, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages, injunctive or other relief resulting from the misuse of their products by others; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(iv) an action brought in any case in which the product, whether imported or manufactured domestically, failed to meet the most effective safety standards established for imported handguns, as determined by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives;"

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