

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its support for the reconvening of the Parliament of Nepal and for an immediate, peaceful transition to democracy;

(2) commends the desire of the people of Nepal for a democratic system of government and expresses its support for their right to protest peacefully in pursuit of this goal;

(3) acknowledges the April 24, 2006 statement by King Gyanendra regarding his intent to reinstate the Parliament of Nepal;

(4) urges the Palace, the political parties, and the Maoists to immediately support a process that returns the country to multiparty democracy and creates the conditions for peace and stability in Nepal;

(5) declares that the transition to democracy in Nepal must be peaceful and that violence conducted by any party is unacceptable and risks sending Nepal into a state of anarchy;

(6) calls on security forces of Nepal to exercise maximum restraint and to uphold the highest standards of conduct in their response to the protests;

(7) urges the immediate release of all political detainees and the restoration of full civilian and political rights, including freedom of association, expression, and assembly;

(8) urges the Maoists to lay down their arms and to pursue their goals through participation in a peaceful political process; and

(9) calls on the Government of the United States to work closely with other governments, including the governments of India, China, the United Kingdom, and the European Union, and with the United Nations to ensure a common and coherent international approach that helps to bring about an immediate peaceful transition to democracy and to end the violent insurgency in Nepal.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 452—RECOGNIZING THE CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE THROUGHOUT ITS 65 YEARS OF SERVICE AS “AMERICA’S NATIONAL BALLET COMPANY”

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

S. RES. 452

Whereas American Ballet Theatre (known as “ABT”) is recognized as one of the world’s great dance companies;

Whereas ABT is dedicated to bringing dance to the United States and dance of the United States to the world;

Whereas, over its 65-year history, ABT has appeared in all 50 States of the United States, in a total of 126 cities, and has performed for more than 600,000 people annually;

Whereas ABT has performed in 42 countries as perhaps the most representative ballet company of the United States, with many of those engagements sponsored by the Department of State;

Whereas ABT has been home to the world’s most accomplished dancers and has commissioned works by all of the great choreographic geniuses of the 20th century;

Whereas President Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized ABT’s ability to convey through the medium of ballet “some measure of understanding of America’s cultural environment and inspiration”;

Whereas over the years ABT has performed repeatedly at the White House, most recently in December 2005;

Whereas ABT is committed to bringing dance to a broad audience and provides exposure to dance to more than 20,000 underprivileged children and their families each year;

Whereas ABT’s award-winning Make a Ballet program and its other outreach initiatives help to meet the need for arts education in underserved schools and communities;

Whereas ABT’s Studio Company brings world class ballet to smaller communities like—

(1) Rochester, New York;

(2) Stamford, Connecticut;

(3) Sanibel, Florida;

(4) South Hadley, Massachusetts; and

(5) Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and

Whereas the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School at ABT and the ABT’s other artistic development initiatives provide the highest quality training consistent with the professional standards of ABT: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and commends the American Ballet Theatre for over 65 years of service as “America’s National Ballet Company”, during which it has provided world class art to audiences in all 50 States;

(2) recognizes that the American Ballet Theatre also serves as a true cultural ambassador for the United States, by having performed in 42 countries and fulfilling its reputation as one of the world’s most revered and innovative dance companies; and

(3) recognizes that the American Ballet Theatre’s extensive and innovative education, outreach, and artistic development programs both train future generations of great dancers and expose students to the arts.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 453—CONGRATULATING CHARTER SCHOOLS AND THEIR STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FOR THEIR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. CARPER, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BURR, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. MARTINEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 453

Whereas charter schools deliver high-quality education and challenge our students to reach their potential;

Whereas charter schools provide thousands of families with diverse and innovative educational options for their children;

Whereas charter schools are public schools authorized by a designated public entity that are responding to the needs of our communities, families, and students and promoting the principles of quality, choice, and innovation;

Whereas in exchange for the flexibility and autonomy given to charter schools, they are held accountable by their sponsors for improving student achievement and for their financial and other operations;

Whereas 40 States and the District of Columbia have passed laws authorizing charter schools;

Whereas more than 3,600 charter schools are now operating in 40 States and the District of Columbia, serving more than 1,000,000 students;

Whereas over the last 12 years, Congress has provided nearly \$1,775,000,000 in support

to the charter school movement through facilities financing assistance and grants for planning, startup, implementation, and dissemination;

Whereas charter schools improve their students’ achievement and stimulate improvement in traditional public schools;

Whereas charter schools must meet the student achievement accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 in the same manner as traditional public schools, and often set higher and additional individual goals to ensure that they are of high quality and truly accountable to the public;

Whereas charter schools give parents new freedom to choose their public school, routinely measure parental satisfaction levels, and must prove their ongoing success to parents, policymakers, and their communities;

Whereas nearly 56 percent of charter schools report having a waiting list, and the total number of students on all such waiting lists is enough to fill over 1,100 average-sized charter schools;

Whereas charter schools nationwide serve a higher percentage of low-income and minority students than the traditional public system;

Whereas charter schools have enjoyed broad bipartisan support from the Administration, Congress, State Governors and legislatures, educators, and parents across the United States; and

Whereas the seventh annual National Charter Schools Week, to be held May 1 through 6, 2006, is an event sponsored by charter schools and grassroots charter school organizations across the United States to recognize the significant impacts, achievements, and innovations of charter schools: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That—

(1) the Senate acknowledges and commends charter schools and their students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education and improving and strengthening our public school system;

(2) the Senate supports the seventh annual National Charter Schools Week; and

(3) it is the sense of the Senate that the people of the United States should conduct appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities to demonstrate support for charter schools during this week long celebration in communities throughout the United States.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 454—HONORING MALCOLM P. MCLEAN AS THE FATHER OF CONTAINERIZATION

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

S. RES. 454

Whereas Malcom P. McLean is widely recognized as the father of containerization;

Whereas the innovative idea of using intermodal containers suitable for rail, truck, and maritime transportation revolutionized and streamlined the process of shipping goods, allowed products to be moved to the market more quickly, and reduced prices for consumers;

Whereas the use of containerization in shipping practices enabled the United States to increase international trade by modernizing and globalizing the economy of the United States;

Whereas Mr. McLean launched numerous successful transportation businesses that were located in the Port of Newark, New Jersey, including—

(1) the Pan-Atlantic Steamship Company; and

(2) Sea-Land Service Incorporated;

Whereas those businesses were crucial to the growth of shipping and industry in New Jersey;

Whereas the innovations of Mr. McLean have enabled businesses to create thousands of jobs that provide liveable wages for the citizens of New Jersey and other citizens of the United States;

Whereas, on April 26, 1956, the first ship loaded with goods to be transported from the United States in intermodal containers, the Ideal X, set sail from Port Newark under the direction of Mr. McLean;

Whereas 2006 marks the 50th anniversary of that historic event;

Whereas the Containerization and Intermodal Institute in Holmdel, New Jersey, has planned activities to commemorate that occasion; and

Whereas Mr. McLean was a transportation pioneer whose remarkable achievements are worthy of recognition and commemoration: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That the Senate—*

(1) celebrates the remarkable contributions of Malcom P. McLean to the development of a new era of trade and commerce in the United States through the containerization of cargo;

(2) honors the 50th anniversary of containerization, and recognizes the crucial role that containerization has played in the modernization of—

(A) shipping practices; and

(B) the economy of the United States; and

(3) encourages all citizens to promote and participate in celebratory activities that commemorate that landmark anniversary.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 455—HONORING AND THANKING TERRANCE W. GAINER, FORMER CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

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

##### S RES. 455

Whereas former Chief of Police Terrance W. Gainer, a native of the State of Illinois, had served the United States Capitol Police with distinction since his appointment on June 3, 2002;

Whereas Chief Gainer had served in various city, state and federal law enforcement positions throughout his thirty-eight year career; and

Whereas Chief Gainer holds Juris Doctor and Master's degrees from DePaul University and a Bachelor's degree from St. Benedict's College, as well as numerous specialized law enforcement and security training accomplishments and honors: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, That the Senate hereby honors and thanks Terrance W. Gainer and his wife, Irene, and his entire family, for a professional commitment of service to the United States Capitol Police and the United States Congress.*

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3671. Mr. COLEMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3672. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3673. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3674. Mr. NELSON, of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3675. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3676. Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3677. Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3678. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3679. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3680. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3681. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3682. Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3683. Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3684. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3685. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3686. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3687. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3688. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3689. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 3692. Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3693. Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

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SA 3697. Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3698. Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3699. Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3700. Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3701. Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3702. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3703. Mr. KOHL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3704. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3705. Mr. OBAMA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3706. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CONRAD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3707. Mr. FRIST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3708. Mr. BYRD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3709. Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3710. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3711. Mr. NELSON, of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3712. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3645 proposed by Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill H.R. 4939, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3713. Mr. BURR proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.

SA 3714. Mr. MURRAY (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4939, supra.