

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1104) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1104

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN ALIENS SERVING AS TRANSLATORS OR INTERPRETERS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.

(a) INCREASE IN NUMBERS ADMITTED.—Section 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “as a translator” and inserting “, or under Chief of Mission authority, as a translator or interpreter”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “the Chief of Mission or” after “recommendation from”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “the Chief of Mission or” after “as determined by”; and

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “section during any fiscal year shall not exceed 50.” and inserting the following: “section—

“(A) during each of the fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, shall not exceed 500; and

“(B) during any other fiscal year shall not exceed 50.”.

(b) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 1059(c)(2) of such Act is amended—

(1) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows:

“(2) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.”; and

(2) by inserting “and shall not be counted against the numerical limitations under section 201(d), 202(a), and 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d), 1152(a), and 1153(b)(4))” before the period at the end.

(c) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 1059 of such Act is further amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (2), (7) and (8) of section 245(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)), the Secretary of Homeland Security may adjust the status of an alien to that of a lawful permanent resident under section 245(a) of such Act if the alien—

“(1) was paroled or admitted as a non-immigrant into the United States; and

“(2) is otherwise eligible for special immigrant status under this section and under the Immigration and Nationality Act.”.

RAYMOND G. MURPHY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 229 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 229) to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am very pleased today that we will have renamed the Albuquerque VA facility as the Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. I thank my colleague Senator BINGAMAN for his support on this issue, as well as Senator AKAKA and Senator CRAIG and the staff on the Committee of Veterans’ Affairs for their help.

Raymond “Jerry” Murphy died last Friday at the age of 77. His obituary described him as “one of the soft-spoken, most modest men to ever wear the Medal of Honor.” Jerry Murphy was a true American hero who in war and peace dedicated himself to others. CPT Jerry Murphy was the 39th U.S. Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the Korean war. When he returned from war he dedicated his entire life to taking care of other veterans. He spent 23 years working in the Albuquerque VA regional office. Upon his retirement, he continued to serve veterans as a volunteer until he became too sick to do so. I think it is only right that the medical center in Albuquerque bear his name in recognition of his great service to veterans and to the Nation.

I came to the floor earlier in the week and spoke about my good friend after he died. I stand by that statement and again send my condolences to Jerry’s wife Maryann, his sons John, Michael, and Tim, his daughter Eleanor, as well as his eight grandchildren. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but at these trying moments, we can take solace in the fact that Jerry lived a long and fulfilling life. He helped many people and touched many lives. His service is a shining example to civilians and veterans alike of a life dedicated to service.

I am very proud to have known Jerry Murphy and to have been able to call him my friend. It is a privilege to play a part in bestowing this deserving honor on a great man and a great American, Raymond Gerald Murphy.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 229

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.

The Federal building known and designated as the “Department of Veterans Af-

fairs Medical Center” located at 1501 San Pedro Drive, SE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, shall be known and redesignated as the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 147.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 147) congratulating the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I can just comment, that was a remarkable tournament. The final four was exciting, and the game between the Rutgers University team and the University of Tennessee was very exciting. It was high-quality basketball. I enjoyed it a lot more than the men’s final four.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 147) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 147

Whereas, on April 3, 2007, before a crowd of over 20,000 fans, the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team (the “Lady Vols”) defeated the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers by a score of 59-46 to win the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women’s Basketball Championship;

Whereas this championship was the first national title for the Lady Vols since their 3-year championship run in 1996-98, and their 7th national title in the last 20 years;

Whereas the Lady Vols were successful due to the leadership of Coach Pat Summitt, the Nation’s all-time winningest NCAA basketball coach (men’s or women’s) with 947 wins over 33 seasons at the University of Tennessee;

Whereas Joan Cronan, the Women’s Athletics Director, has shown vision and leadership throughout her 24-year career at the University of Tennessee and created one of the most visible and respected athletic programs in the country;

Whereas the Lady Vols were undefeated in conference games during the 2006-2007 season and compiled an impressive overall record of 34 wins and 3 losses;

Whereas Candace Parker tallied 17 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 assists and was selected the Most Outstanding Player for the 2007 tournament, becoming the 5th Lady Volunteer to

be so honored, following in the footsteps of Chamique Holdsclaw (1998, 1997), Michelle Marciniak (1996), Bridgette Gordon (1989), and Tonya Edwards (1987);

Whereas Shannon Bobbitt, who at only 5 feet, 2 inches, is the smallest player ever at the University of Tennessee, scored 3 decisive 3-pointers in the 2nd half, finished the game with 13 points, and was named to the 2007 All-Tournament Team;

Whereas Nicky Anosike had a career high of 16 rebounds and was named to the 2007 All-Tournament team;

Whereas senior Sidney Spencer scored 11 points and Alberta Auguste scored 10 points, with both players achieving a combined 6 for 6 from the free throw line;

Whereas Alexis Hornbuckle played outstanding defense and created energy on the court;

Whereas Dominique Redding and Alex Fuller also contributed to the team's victory;

Whereas the 2006-2007 team has an average GPA above 3.0; and

Whereas Coach Pat Summitt's Lady Vols continue their remarkable graduation rate, with every student athlete who has completed her eligibility at the University of Tennessee either graduating or working toward all of the requirements for graduation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Tennessee women's basketball team for being champions on and off the court and for their victory in the 2007 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship;

(2) recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the University of Tennessee Lady Vols win the NCAA championship; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit copies of this resolution to the following for appropriate display—

(A) Dr. John D. Petersen, President of the University of Tennessee;

(B) Dr. Loren Crabtree, Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville;

(C) Joan Cronan, Women's Athletics Director; and

(D) Pat Summitt, Women's Basketball Head Coach.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 148.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 148) commending The University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Basketball Championship.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 148) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 148

Whereas, on April 2nd, 2007, the University of Florida men's basketball team made history with its 84-75 win over the Ohio State University Buckeyes—becoming only the seventh school to repeat as national champions in men's hoops, and the first team since Duke University accomplished this feat in 1991 and 1992, and the first school to hold national titles in both basketball and football in the same year;

Whereas, the Gators entered the 2006-2007 season as the defending national champions and posted a 35-5 win-loss record during their second run for the title, finishing the season with a ten-game winning streak and securing the Southeastern Conference Championship, in addition to the 2007 NCAA Division I men's basketball crown;

Whereas, Head Coach Billy Donovan joined elite company as he became one of only four active coaches to win multiple NCAA titles;

Whereas, University of Florida junior Corey Brewer was chosen as the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four;

Whereas, each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Florida Gators defended their title and captured a second consecutive national championship; and

Whereas, the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Florida, and all of the supporters of the University of Florida, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Florida men's basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Florida men's basketball team win consecutive NCAA Division I Basketball Championships, and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to—

(A) the University of Florida for appropriate display;

(B) the President of the University of Florida, Dr. J. Bernard Machen;

(C) the Athletic Director of the University of Florida, Jeremy Foley; and

(D) the Head Coach of the University of Florida men's basketball team, Billy Donovan.

CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 92.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 92) calling for the immediate and unconditional release of soldiers of Israel held captive by Hamas and Hezbollah.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 92) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 92

Whereas Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon on May 24, 2000;

Whereas Congress expressed concern for soldiers of Israel missing in Lebanon and Syrian-controlled territory of Lebanon in the Act entitled "To locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, a United States citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action", approved November 8, 1999 (Public Law 106-89), which required the Secretary of State to raise the status of missing soldiers of Israel with appropriate government officials of Syria, Lebanon, the Palestinian Authority, and other governments in the region, and to submit to Congress reports on those efforts and any subsequent discovery of relevant information;

Whereas, on June 18, 2000, the United Nations Security Council welcomed and endorsed the report by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan that Israel had withdrawn completely from Lebanon under the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978);

Whereas Israel completed its withdrawal from Gaza on September 12, 2005;

Whereas, on June 25, 2006, Hamas and allied terrorists crossed into Israel to attack a military post, killing 2 soldiers and wounding a third, Gilad Shalit, who was kidnapped;

Whereas, on July 12, 2006, terrorists of Hezbollah crossed into Israel to attack troops of Israeli patrolling the Israeli side of the border with Lebanon, killing 3 soldiers, wounding 2 more, and kidnapping Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev;

Whereas Gilad Shalit has been held in captivity by Hamas for more than 7 months;

Whereas Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev have been held in captivity by Hezbollah for more than 6 months;

Whereas Hamas and Hezbollah have withheld all information on the health and welfare of the men they have kidnapped; and

Whereas, contrary to the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct, Hamas and Hezbollah have prevented access to the Israeli captives by competent medical personnel and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) demands that—

(A) Hamas immediately and unconditionally release Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit;

(B) Hezbollah accept the mandate of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 (2006) by immediately and unconditionally releasing Israeli soldiers Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev; and

(C) Hezbollah and Hamas accede to the most basic standards of humanitarian conduct and allow prompt access to the Israeli captives by competent medical personnel and representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross;

(2) expresses—

(A) vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare and survival of the