

p.m., to conduct its organization meeting for the 110th Congress.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel and the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 3 p.m., to receive testimony on the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of active duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mary Baker and Brett Youngerman, detailees with the Finance Committee, be granted floor privileges for the consideration of the prescription drug bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

THANKING THE PARLIAMENTARIANS

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I thank our Parliamentarians, who always keep us in order in this Chamber, for their great work. They do a wonderful job.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Congressional Award Board: the Honorable JOHNNY ISAKSON of Georgia.

COMMENDING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 156, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 156) commending the achievements of the Rutgers University women's basketball team and applauding the character and integrity of the players as student-athletes.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 156) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to. The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 156

Whereas under head coach C. Vivian Stringer the Rutgers University women's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Lady Knights") finished an extraordinary 2006-2007 season with a 27-9 record;

Whereas, after losing 4 of their first 6 games, the Lady Knights refused to give up and spent their winter break in the gym honing their skills and working to become a better team for the rest of the season;

Whereas, on March 6, 2007, the Lady Knights upset the top-seeded University of Connecticut team for their first-ever Big East Championship title;

Whereas the young women of the Lady Knights displayed great talent in their run to the Final Four of the women's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament;

Whereas 5 freshmen played an integral role in the team's march to the championship game;

Whereas the Lady Knights showed enormous composure with tournament wins against teams playing in their home States;

Whereas, through hard work and determination, the young team fought through improbable odds to reach the NCAA title game;

Whereas the team was just the third number 4 seed in history to reach the championship;

Whereas the Lady Knights made school history as the first athletic team from Rutgers University to play for any national championship;

Whereas, during the 3 weeks of the tournament, the Lady Knights brought excitement to the NCAA tournament and captured the hearts of basketball fans throughout New Jersey and across the Nation;

Whereas Rutgers students, alumni, faculty, and staff, along with countless New Jerseyans are immensely proud of what the Lady Knights accomplished during the season;

Whereas the members of the team are excellent representatives of Rutgers University and of the State of New Jersey;

Whereas the young women of the Lady Knights are outstanding individuals who are striving to reach lifetime goals both on and off the basketball court;

Whereas the Lady Knights epitomize the term "student-athlete" with a combined B+ grade point average;

Whereas by excelling in academics, music, and community service, Katie Adams, Matee Ajavon, Essence Carson, Dee Dee Jernigan, Rashidat Junaid, Myia McCurdy, Epiphanny Prince, Judith Brittany Ray, Kia Vaughn, and Heather Zurich are great role models for young women across the Nation; and

Whereas the Lady Knights embody integrity, leadership, and class: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the amazing performance of Rutgers University women's basketball team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament; and

(2) expresses its admiration for the achievements and character of this team of remarkable young women.

EXTENDING THE BEST WISHES OF THE SENATE TO NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR JON S. CORZINE

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 157, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 157) extending the best wishes of the Senate to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and expressing the Senate's hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

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

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 157) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to. The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 157

Whereas The Honorable Jon S. Corzine, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, served with distinction in the United States Senate from January 3, 2001, to January 17, 2006;

Whereas, during his time in the Senate, Governor Corzine made many friends in both political parties;

Whereas, on April 12, 2007, Governor Corzine was seriously injured in a major traffic accident;

Whereas Governor Corzine is in critical but stable condition in the Trauma Intensive Care Unit at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey; and

Whereas Governor Corzine's many friends in the Senate are deeply concerned about the Governor and have had him in their thoughts since the tragic accident occurred: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate extends its best wishes to New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine and hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 158, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 158) designating April 20, 2007, as "National and Global Youth Service Day."

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President I commend to my colleagues this resolution designating April 20, 2007, as National and Global Youth Service Day. This resolution recognizes and commends the significant community service efforts that youth are making in communities across the country and around the world on April 20 and every day. This resolution also encourages the citizens of the United States to acknowledge and support these volunteer efforts.

Over the weekend, beginning this Friday, April 20, youth from across the United States and the world will carry out community service projects in areas ranging from hunger to literacy to the environment. Through this service, many will embark on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement in more than 100 countries around the world.

This event is not isolated to one weekend a year. National and Global Youth Service Day is an annual public awareness and education campaign that highlights the valuable contributions that young people make to their communities throughout the year.

The participation of youth in community service is not just a nice idea for a way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Youth who are engaged in volunteer service, according to recent studies, do better in school than their classmates who do not volunteer. Youth who engage in volunteering and other positive activities are also more likely to avoid risky behaviors, such as drug and alcohol use, crime, and promiscuity.

A recently released study conducted by the Corporation for National and Community Service points out some interesting findings about the attitudes and behaviors of youth toward volunteering and other forms of civic engagement.

The study found that: 74 percent of youth who volunteer do so at least in part through a religious organization, a schoolbased group, or a youth leadership organization such as Scouts or 4H. A youth from a family where at least one parent volunteers is almost twice as likely to volunteer as a youth with no family members who volunteer, and nearly three times as likely to volunteer on a regular basis. Youth from disadvantaged circumstances who volunteer demonstrate more positive civic attitudes and behaviors than similar youth who do not volunteer.

In an effort to recognize and support youth volunteers in my State, I would like to recognize some of the activities that will occur this year in Alaska in

observance of National and Global Youth Service Day:

No. 1, Anchorage's Promise, which works to mobilize all sectors of the community to build the character and competence of Anchorage's children and youth is again sponsoring the annual Kids' Day event in Anchorage this year. Seventy different nonprofits and businesses will provide free kid-friendly activities to help families build an understanding of the importance of safe places for kids, providing a healthy start and future, the value of having a caring adult in the life of each youth, and why effective education can ensure that all youth have the skills needed to pursue college, vocational training and the field of work that they are interested in.

No. 2, Eielson Youth Programs will sponsor a Knit-a-Thon to benefit the women's shelter and the senior center. Volunteers will help instruct preteen and teenage knitters and will also knit projects. All participants are also asked to bring personal hygiene items to be donated to the shelter/center as part of the project.

No. 3, Aurora Elementary School on Elmendorf Air Force Base will be sponsoring a canned food drive in conjunction with a school dance. The price of admission to the dance is one can of food.

No. 4, Alaska Winter Stars, members of the cross-country ski teams from both Alaska Pacific University and University of Anchorage Alaska, will be hosting a fitness challenge and pledge booth at Kids Day this year. The goal is to bring awareness to the importance of good health and physical activity. Participants will be given the opportunity to test their fitness level and sign a pledge promising to be more active. More than 5,000 youth are expected to participate.

No. 5, on April 8, annual Prudential Alaska Spirit of Community Student Volunteer Service Recognition Ceremony will honor more than 150 Alaskan students for making a difference through outstanding volunteer service on National Youth Service Day. This ceremony highlights the outstanding partnerships between Alaskan nonprofit organizations and the business community. The ceremony is conducted in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, USA Freedom Corps, Prudential Financial, Corporation for National Service, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Prudential Jack White Vista Real Estate, Key Bank of Alaska, Anchorage Daily News, Wells Fargo Bank, Anchorage Municipal Light and Power, Home State Mortgage, Alyeska Title Guaranty Agency, Jewel Lake Tastee Freez, Friends of Alaska Prudential Youth Leadership Institute, and other caring community organizations and individuals.

No. 6, teens in the Alaska Youth for Environmental Action program of the National Wildlife Federation will be

urging individuals to take the "3-2-1 Pledge—change three incandescent lightbulbs to compact fluorescents, turn the thermostat down 2 degrees in cold weather, and unplug one appliance when not in use. The "3-2-1 Pledge" project has a goal to collect 5,000 signatures by April 2007. The goal will reduce carbon emissions in Alaska by an estimated 19.8 million pounds annually. Alaska Youth for Environmental Action is working in six communities: Sitka, Yakutat, Homer, Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks.

No. 7, Nerf Balls for Soldiers of Foreign Turf—students across Anchorage are invited to help build positive relations between our soldiers and the children they come in contact with in Iraq. Youth are encouraged to bring or purchase a new Nerf toy to the Egan Center during Kids Day. Funds will be used to raise money for more shipping, and the Nerf Balls will be shipped to Iraq for soldiers to use for relationship building.

No. 8, Pen Pal Cards For Kids—Clark Middle School students will help Anchorage's Promise Kids Day participants make cards and letters for children that can be used to encourage those who are over seas or in local hospitals.

No. 9, Boy Scouts—Scouting for Food Project—Boy Scouts of Troop 205 in Anchorage will be collecting canned food at Kids Day events for donation to the Alaska Food Bank.

No. 10, students from the West High School Junior ROTC and King Career Center Public Safety and Security Assistants programs will be on hand for Kids Day to help monitor exit doors, assist with handing out door prize tickets, and monitor elevators for safety. Students will also have the opportunity to mentor with adults in a variety of settings such as first aid, search and rescue, fire fighters, and Egan Center security.

No. 11, Cook Inlet Tribal Youth Council will share Alaska Native heritage by demonstrating Native games and by encouraging healthy active lifestyles at three locations in Anchorage on April 20.

No. 12, Summer Reading Program Work Party involves teen volunteers from the Anchorage Municipal Libraries in stuffing 4,000 bags with materials for the summer reading program. This program will help maintain student progress in reading by keeping kids reading all summer long.

No. 13, the Girl Scouts Susitna Council will be planting 95 tree seedlings in honor of Girl Scouts of the USA's 95th anniversary. The seedlings will be planted at the Bureau of Land Management's Campbell Creek Science Center in June. Every tree planted produces oxygen, removes air pollution, and fights soil erosion. In addition, the act of planting tree seedlings will instill a sense of stewardship among Girl Scouts that will be passed on to future generations. Future of Life, an organization whose mission is to ensure the future

of life on Earth for all species, is providing 95 tree seedlings to each Girl Scout council across the United States, beginning in April and scheduled to coincide with the planting season for each area.

Many similar and wonderful activities will be taking place all across the Nation. I encourage all of my colleagues to visit the Youth Service America website—www.vsa.org—to find out about the selfless and creative youth who are contributing in their own States this year.

I thank my colleagues—Senators AKAKA, ALEXANDER, BAUCUS, BAYH, BOXER, BROWN, BURR, CANTWELL, CASEY, CLINTON, COCHRAN, COLEMAN, COLLINS, CORKER, CRAIG, DODD, DOLE, DOMENICI, DURBIN, FEINGOLD, FEINSTEIN, GREGG, HAGEL, KENNEDY, KERRY, LANDRIEU, LAUTENBERG, LEVIN, LIEBERMAN, LINCOLN, LOTT, MARTINEZ, MENENDEZ, MIKULSKI, MURRAY, BEN NELSON, BILL NELSON, OBAMA, SALAZAR, SANDERS, SPECTER, STABENOW, and STEVENS—for standing with me as original cosponsors of this worthwhile legislation, which will ensure that youth across the country and the world know that all of their hard work is greatly appreciated.

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 158) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 158

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

Whereas the goals of National and Global Youth Service Day are to—

(1) mobilize the youth of the United States to identify and address the needs of their communities through service and service-learning;

(2) support young people in embarking on a lifelong path of service and civic engagement; and

(3) educate the public, the media, and policymakers about contributions made by young people as community leaders throughout the year;

Whereas National and Global Youth Service Day, a program of Youth Service America, is the largest service event in the world and is being observed for the 19th consecutive year in 2007;

Whereas young people in the United States and in many other countries are volunteering more than in any other generation in history;

Whereas children and youth not only represent the future of the world, but also are leaders and assets today;

Whereas children and youth should be valued for the idealism, energy, creativity, and unique perspectives that they use when addressing real-world issues such as poverty, hunger, illiteracy, education, gang activity, natural disasters, climate change, and myriad other issues;

Whereas a fundamental and conclusive correlation exists between youth service and lifelong adult volunteering and philanthropy;

Whereas, through community service, young people of all ages and backgrounds build character and learn valuable skills sought by employers, including time management, decisionmaking, teamwork, needs-assessment, and leadership;

Whereas service-learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with academic curriculum;

Whereas service-learning supports young people in mastering important curriculum content by helping them make meaningful connections between what they are studying and the challenges that they see in their own communities;

Whereas high quality service-learning has been found to increase student academic engagement, academic achievement scores, civic engagement, character development, and career aspirations;

Whereas a report by Civic Enterprises found that 47 percent of high school dropouts reported boredom as a primary reason for dropping out;

Whereas service-learning has been found to increase students' cognitive engagement, motivation to learn, and school attendance;

Whereas several private foundations and corporations in the United States support service-learning as a means to develop the leadership and workforce skills necessary for the competitiveness of the United States in the 21st century;

Whereas a report by America's Promise found that 94 percent of young people want to be involved in making the world a better place, but 50 percent say there should be more volunteer programs for people their age;

Whereas the same report found that one-third of young people say they lack adult role models who volunteer and help others;

Whereas a sustained investment by the Federal Government, business partners, schools, and communities could fuel the positive, long-term cultural change that will make service and service-learning a common expectation and a common experience for all young people;

Whereas National and Global Youth Service Day engages millions of young people worldwide with the support of 51 lead agencies, 40 international organizations, and 110 national partners;

Whereas National Youth Service Day inspired Global Youth Service Day, which occurs concurrently in more than 100 countries and is now in its 8th year;

Whereas a growing number of Global Youth Service Day projects involve youth working collaboratively across national and geographic boundaries, increasing intercultural understanding and promoting the sense that they are global citizens; and

Whereas both young people and their communities will benefit greatly from expanded opportunities to engage youth in meaningful volunteer service and service-learning: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and commends the significant contributions of the youth of the United States and encourages the cultivation of a common civic bond between young people dedicated to serving their neighbors, their communities, and the Nation;

(2) designates April 20, 2007, as "National and Global Youth Service Day"; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States to—

(A) observe the day by encouraging youth to participate in civic and community serv-

ice projects and by joining them in such projects;

(B) recognize the volunteer efforts of the young people of the United States throughout the year; and

(C) support the volunteer efforts of young people and engage them in meaningful learning and decisionmaking opportunities today as an investment in the future of the United States.

COMMENDING THE ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCED LIFE UNDERWRITING ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 159 which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 159) commending the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting on its 50th anniversary.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 159) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 159

Whereas, for 50 years, Association for Advanced Life Underwriting members have been increasingly strong advocates for advanced life insurance planning and its benefits to millions of Americans;

Whereas, the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting has helped educate Congress and the country about the trillions of dollars of protection, savings, and capital and millions of jobs provided by life insurance products;

Whereas, Association for Advanced Life Underwriting members have helped Americans with long-term estate, business, pension, and deferred compensation planning;

Whereas, Association for Advanced Life Underwriting members have been very active participants in our democracy, particularly at the Federal or congressional level, providing their real life, market-based expertise on issues involving life insurance;

Whereas, the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting has provided technical assistance on a variety of life insurance-related matters to the Department of the Treasury, the Internal Revenue Service, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Department of Labor, and the Financial Accounting Standards Board;

Whereas, the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting has advocated in both the Federal and State legislatures for reforms needed to assure that life insurance is used appropriately for the benefit of clients and the general public;

Whereas, the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting has worked to unify the life insurance industry to better advocate in the interests of the American public; and

Whereas, the Association for Advanced Life Underwriting has worked to reflect the