

Moore, Daniel Eugene Jr., NAVY, February 22, 1967
 Morrison, James Anton, ARMY, September 12, 1967
 Mueller, Steven Wayne, USMC, December 22, 1967
 Murphy, John Patrick, ARMY, July 22, 1968
 Nachtigall, David Joseph, ARMY, February 23, 1970
 Oonk, Lester Eugene, USAF, August 13, 1970
 Perrin, Richard Thomas, ARMY, June 27, 1966
 Pinegar, William Dennis, ARMY, October 6, 1965
 Poese, Nigel Frederick, ARMY, March 20, 1969
 Radil, Ronald Ludwig, ARMY, October 14, 1967
 Ross, Milton Alan, ARMY, February 9, 1969
 Salyards, Patrick John, USMC, December 9, 1966
 Sanders, Mack Royal, ARMY, May 12, 1966
 Sandstedt, Daniel Joseph, ARMY, June 19, 1967
 Schmidt, Gary Russell, ARMY, September 25, 1967
 Shelton, Craig Stephen, USMC, January 25, 1967
 Shrader, Harold William, ARMY, August 9, 1965
 Shuey, Glenn Colin, USMC, December 20, 1969
 Skavaril, Thomas Joseph, ARMY, January 5, 1968
 Smith, Michael Francis, ARMY, April 28, 1968
 Smith, Paul Richard, ARMY, July 6, 1963
 Smith, Thomas Leroy, ARMY, September 11, 1969
 Sobolik, Karl David, USAF, November 26, 1966
 Solomon, Wilfred L. Sr., ARMY, February 8, 1968
 Spencer, Frank III, ARMY, January 23, 1970
 Stolinski, James Francis, ARMY, March 26, 1968
 Straus, Allen Arthur, ARMY, May 6, 1968
 Utts, William Warner, ARMY, March 19, 1969
 Waite, Donald Steven, ARMY, February 9, 1968
 Wigton, Philip Gregory, USMC, May 9, 1968
 Wilkinson, Harland Lyle, ARMY, September 26, 1969
 Wilson, Michael Joseph, USMC, May 12, 1967
 Wojtkiewicz, Ronald Joseph, ARMY, April 10, 1968
 Wolf, Jack Morse, ARMY, March 28, 1968
 Zabrowski, Louis, ARMY, December 27, 1969
 Ziehe, Gerald Dean, USAF, October 21, 1968; and
 Whereas, at least 1,763 United States military service members serving in Southeast Asia remain unaccounted for, including the following 19 from Nebraska:
 Name, Service, Hometown, Date of Incident
 Biber, Gerald Mack, ARMY, Benkelman, April 22, 1961
 Booze, Delmar George, USMC, Papillion, January 24, 1966
 Brennan, Herbert Owen, USAF, O'Neill, November 26, 1967
 Brenning, Richard David, NAVY, Lincoln, July 26, 1969
 Confer, Michael Steele, NAVY, McCook, October 10, 1966
 Cordova, Robert James, NAVY, Boys Town, January 27, 1968
 Grella, Donald Carroll, ARMY, Laurel, December 28, 1965
 Kahler, Harold, USAF, Lincoln, June 14, 1969

Klingner, Michael Lee, USAF, McCook, April 6, 1970
 Magers, Paul Gerald, ARMY, Sidney, June 1, 1971
 Ogden, Howard Jr., USMC, Omaha, October 18, 1967
 Robinson, Larry Warren, USMC, Randolph, January 5, 1970
 Scheurich, Thomas Edwin, NAVY, Norfolk, March 1, 1968
 Smiley, Stanley Kutz, NAVY, Sidney, July 20, 1969
 Sprick, Doyle, USMC, Fort Calhoun, January 24, 1966
 Stafford, Ronald Dean, USAF, Oxford, November 21, 1972
 Stark, Willie E., ARMY, Omaha, December 2, 1966
 Thomas, Daniel W., USAF, Danbury, July 6, 1971
 Zich, Larry Alfred, ARMY, Lincoln, April 3, 1972; and
 Whereas, at least 150,332 of the United States military service members were wounded during their service in Southeast Asia; and
 Whereas, countless numbers returned home with physical and psychological injuries, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), that were not treated; and
 Whereas, countless numbers remain homeless and in despair: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, by the members of the one hundredth legislature of Nebraska, second session:
 1. That the Legislature urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to continue efforts to account for all of the missing people from the Vietnam War, return any remains to their families, and continue to improve efforts to aid homeless, drug-dependent, and wounded veterans, including those afflicted with post-traumatic stress disorder.
 2. That the Legislature acknowledges that, in the past, a less than grateful attitude was shown towards Vietnam Veterans and now belatedly recognizes their service, sacrifice, and suffering.
 3. That the Legislature hereby commemorates the thirty-fifth anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the healing Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, by extending to all those who served in Southeast Asia and in Vietnam a long overdue, "Welcome Home, Vietnam Veteran, Welcome Home!"
 4. That the Clerk of the Legislature send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to the United States Congressional delegation representing the State of Nebraska.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3045. A bill to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 3046. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to create a new conditional approval system for drugs, biological products, and devices that is responsive to the needs of seriously ill patients, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BROWN)):

S. 3047. A bill to provide for the coordination of the Nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education initiatives; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWN:

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution recognizing the efforts of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to address the stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. DOLE:

S. Res. 572. A resolution calling upon the Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District of California to uphold the fundamental and constitutional right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 573. A resolution recognizing Cuba Solidarity Day and the struggle of the Cuban people as they continue to fight for freedom; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY)):

S. Con. Res. 83. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 11

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 11, a bill to provide liability protection to volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations that fly for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such nonprofit organizations, and for other purposes.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program for the provision of readjustment and mental health services to veterans who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and for other purposes.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to provide diabetes screening tests under the Medicaid program for adult enrollees with diabetes risk

factors, to ensure that States offer a comprehensive package of benefits under that program for individuals with diabetes, and for other purposes.

S. 777

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 777, a bill to repeal the imposition of withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities.

S. 1108

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1108, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a special enrollment period for individuals who qualify for an income-related subsidy under the Medicare prescription drug program and to provide funding for the conduct of outreach and education with respect to the premium and cost-sharing subsidies under such program, and for other purposes.

S. 1210

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1210, a bill to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1259

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1259, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance for developing countries to promote quality basic education and to establish the achievement of universal basic education in all developing countries as an objective of United States foreign assistance policy, and for other purposes.

S. 1384

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1384, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal authority for adjustments to per diem payments to homeless veterans service centers for receipt of other sources of income, to extend authorities for certain programs to benefit homeless veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1951

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1951, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program continue to have access to prescription drugs, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Pennsyl-

vania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to pharmacies under part D.

S. 2063

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2063, a bill to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans.

S. 2161

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2161, a bill to ensure and foster continued patient safety and quality of care by making the antitrust laws apply to negotiations between groups of independent pharmacies and health plans and health insurance issuers (including health plans under parts C and D of the Medicare Program) in the same manner as such laws apply to protected activities under the National Labor Relations Act.

S. 2303

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2303, a bill to amend section 435(o) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the definition of economic hardship.

S. 2369

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2369, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that certain tax planning inventions are not patentable, and for other purposes.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require physician utilization of the Medicare electronic prescription drug program.

S. 2504

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) were added as cosponsors of S. 2504, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to grant a Federal charter to the Military Officers Association of America, and for other purposes.

S. 2511

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2511, a bill to amend the grant program for law enforcement armor vests to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship.

S. 2565

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from New York

(Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2565, a bill to establish an awards mechanism to honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by Federal law enforcement officers.

S. 2619

At the request of Mr. COBURN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2619, a bill to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks.

S. 2666

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2666, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage investment in affordable housing, and for other purposes.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 2766

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2766, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to address certain discharges incidental to the normal operation of a recreational vessel.

S. 2827

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2827, a bill to repeal a requirement with respect to the procurement and acquisition of alternative fuels.

S. 2828

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2828, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins commemorating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Glacier National Park, and for other purposes.

S. 2844

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2844, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

S. 2934

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2934, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a plot allowance for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State cemeteries.

S. 3040

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3040, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to reduce the exposure of children, workers, and consumers to toxic chemical substances.

S. RES. 569

At the request of Mr. INOUE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 569, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the earthquake that struck Sichuan Province of the People's Republic of China on May 12, 2008.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 3045. A bill to establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area would be the first Heritage Area in Alaska, and one of a few Heritage Areas in the West. Our proposal encompasses the wide mountainous corridor that was the major gateway to pioneer settlement of the State, extending from Seward through the Kenai Mountains to the upper Turnagain Arm. Here mountain trails developed by indigenous First Alaskans became prospectors' trails and, eventually, the roads and railroad used by the pioneers who settled the last frontier of the United States. Transportation, resource development and settlement in this rugged, often-treacherous landscape provide a powerful reminder of the fortitude and resourcefulness of the pioneers of America's Last Frontier.

Historic communities that were developed around mining and early transportation routes have preserved much of their original character. A visit to the Hope Townsite is a visit to a living community that still resembles the gold rush town that it was before the rush to the Klondike. The City of Whittier provides a glimpse of our Nation's intense effort to develop an ice-free port to supply troops who were defending our boundaries in Alaska during World War II. As in the early days, all the signs of human activity in the corridor are dwarfed by the sweeping landscapes of the region, by the magnificence of the mountains, glaciers and tidal fjords and the dominance and power of nature. Turnagain Arm, once a critical transportation link, has one of the world's greatest tidal ranges.

This Heritage Area proposal, truly a grass roots product, began in 1997 when the Kenai Peninsula Historical Association asked a group of local community leaders to reach out and tell people about Heritage Areas. They were successful in garnering support from

communities throughout the corridor. These local folks have extensive knowledge of the resources; they are personally acquainted with the area; they understand the ruggedness and the beauty of the land, and certainly appreciate the potential economic value this designation would bring to the area.

In 2000 these community leaders organized the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area Corridor Communities Association as a non-profit organization with a board of directors made up of corridor community representatives. Later a congressionally designated grant made it possible for the new non-profit to serve as a local coordinating entity and prove its ability to plan and accomplish projects consistent with Heritage Area purposes. Through their management of the grant, historic structures were preserved, a small museum has opened, parks and pavilions with historic interpretation have been constructed, oral histories have been collected from old-timers and recorded, and an excellent book on corridor history has been published.

Since the corridor is within the western part of the Chugach National Forest, the Association has asked to put this Heritage Area under the Secretary of Agriculture. The bill provides for coordination with the Secretaries of Interior and includes the same components, structure and national recognition as Heritage Areas under the Secretary of Interior. Similar components assure that the Heritage Area will not impact private property rights or public land management. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior would establish coordination at the Secretarial level. Passage of this bill will be an excellent way to commemorate the recent centennial of the Chugach National Forest.

I am proud to lend my support to this grassroots effort by introducing legislation today to designate the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm in Alaska as our most northern and western National Heritage Area, the first National Heritage Area in Alaska and the first National Forest Heritage Area to be assisted by the U.S. Forest Service.

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

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 3045

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Forest Heritage Area Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm transportation corridor—

(A) is a major gateway to Alaska;

(B) includes a range of transportation routes used by—

(i) indigenous people; and

(ii) the pioneers that settled the last frontier of the United States;

(C) is located in the heart of the Chugach National Forest, which was established by presidential proclamation on July 23, 1907, by Theodore Roosevelt; and

(D) includes a historically significant segment of the Iditarod Trail connecting Seward and Nome, which was—

(i) scouted by the Alaska Road Commission in 1908; and

(ii) designated as the Iditarod National Historic Trail in 1978;

(2) the cultural landscape formed by indigenous people and by settlement, transportation, and modern resource development in the rugged and often treacherous natural setting of the transportation corridor provides a powerful testimony to the human fortitude, perseverance, and resourcefulness of the people who—

(A) settled the frontier; and

(B) represent the proudest heritage of the United States;

(3) the natural history and scenic splendor of the transportation corridor are equally outstanding;

(4) the transportation corridor includes vistas of the power of nature, such as evidence of earthquake subsidence, recent avalanches, retreating glaciers, and tidal action along Turnagain Arm, which has the second greatest tidal range in the world;

(5) there is a national interest in recognizing, preserving, promoting, and interpreting the resources of the transportation corridor;

(6) the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm region is—

(A) geographically and culturally cohesive; and

(B) defined by a corridor of historic routes, trails, water, railroads, and roadways through a distinct landscape of mountains, lakes, and fjords;

(7) the region played a unique role as a portal and transportation corridor through which indigenous people, explorers, missionaries, gold miners, cannery workers, big game hunters, homesteaders, foresters, railroad workers, military personnel, and petroleum developers traveled into southcentral and interior Alaska as part of the waves of travel that characterized the history of the United States;

(8) the region exhibits a high degree of integrity with vast tracks of rugged, undeveloped areas and natural scenery that still look much as the area did to the original inhabitants, the indigenous people, and early explorers and pioneers of the region;

(9) studies that led to the designation of the Iditarod National Historic Trail, the Seward Highway All American Road, and the Alaska Railroad National Scenic Railroad—

(A) determined the national significance of separate transportation routes traversing the region; and

(B) illustrate the national significance of heritage resources in the region;

(10) designation of the transportation corridor as a national heritage area—

(A) provides for a comprehensive interpretation of human history in the wide transportation corridor through the Kenai Mountains and upper Turnagain Arm, including early Native trade routes, historic waterways, mining trails, historic communities, and the 3 designated routes of national significance referred to in paragraph (9);

(B) recognizes the national significance of the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm transportation corridor, including—

(i) the historic and modern resource development of the transportation corridor; and