

By Mr. REID (for Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. SPECTER)):

S. Con. Res. 96. A concurrent resolution commemorating Irena Sendler, a woman whose bravery saved the lives of thousands during the Holocaust and remembering her legacy of courage, selflessness, and hope; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 394

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 394, a bill to amend the Humane Methods of Livestock Slaughter Act of 1958 to ensure the humane slaughter of nonambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 886

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 886, a bill to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1243

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1243, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age.

S. 1270

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1270, a bill to amend title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, in the case of airline pilots who are required by regulation to retire at age 60, to compute the actuarial value of monthly benefits in the form of a life annuity commencing at age 60.

S. 1681

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1681, a bill to provide for a paid family and medical leave insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 1865

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1865, a bill to provide for mandatory availability of life insurance that does not preclude future lawful travel, and for other purposes.

S. 2227

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.

2227, a bill to provide grants to States to ensure that all students in the middle grades are taught an academically rigorous curriculum with effective supports so that students complete the middle grades prepared for success in high school and postsecondary endeavors, to improve State and district policies and programs relating to the academic achievement of students in the middle grades, to develop and implement effective middle school models for struggling students, and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear.

S. 2453

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2453, a bill to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to clarify requirements relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of national origin.

S. 2505

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2505, a bill to allow employees of a commercial passenger airline carrier who receive payments in a bankruptcy proceeding to roll over such payments into an individual retirement plan, and for other purposes.

S. 2510

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2510, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

S. 2579

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 2579, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the colonial period to today.

S. 2639

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2639, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an assured adequate level of funding for veterans health care.

S. 2689

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2689, a bill to amend section 411h of title 37, United States Code, to provide travel and transportation allowances for family members of members of the uniformed services with serious inpatient psychiatric conditions.

S. 2774

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2774, a bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

S. 2776

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2776, a bill to provide duty-free treatment for certain goods from designated Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and for other purposes.

S. 2868

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2868, a bill to amend title II of the Immigration and Nationality Act to replace the diversity visa lottery program with a program that issues visas to aliens with an advanced degree.

S. 2942

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2942, a bill to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center.

S. 3038

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 3038, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and for other purposes.

S. 3061

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3061, a bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes.

S. 3073

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3073, a bill to amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to improve procedures for the collection and delivery of absentee ballots of absent overseas uniformed services voters, and for other purposes.

S. 3142

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3142, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public health activities related to stillbirth and sudden unexpected infant death.

At the request of Mr. BAYH, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3142, supra.

S. 3198

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3198, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to the navigation of submersible or semi-submersible vessels without nationality.

S. 3271

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3271, a bill to amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 3299

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3299, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the demonstration project on adjustable rate mortgages and the demonstration project on hybrid adjustable rate mortgages.

S. 3310

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3310, a bill to provide benefits under the Post-Development/Mobilization Respite Absence program for certain periods before the implementation of the program.

S. 3323

At the request of Mr. GREGG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3323, a bill to provide weatherization and home heating assistance to low income households, and to provide a heating oil tax credit for middle income households.

S. 3351

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3351, a bill to enhance drug trafficking interdiction by creating a Federal felony for operating or embarking in a submersible or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage.

S. RES. 615

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 615, a resolution urging the Government of Turkey to respect the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Orthodox Christian Church.

S. RES. 618

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the names of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S.

Res. 618, a resolution recognizing the tenth anniversary of the bombings of the United States embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and memorializing the citizens of the United States, Kenya, and Tanzania whose lives were claimed as a result of the al Qaeda led terrorist attacks.

S. RES. 625

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 625, a resolution designating August 16, 2008, as National Airborne Day.

S. RES. 626

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 626, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Supreme Court of the United States erroneously decided *Kennedy v. Louisiana*, No. 07-343 (2008), and that the eighth amendment to the Constitution of the United States allows the imposition of the death penalty for the rape of a child.

S. RES. 627

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 627, a resolution welcoming home Keith Stansell, Thomas Howes, and Marc Gonsalves, three citizens of the United States who were held hostage for over five years by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) after their plane crashed on February 13, 2003.

AMENDMENT NO. 5063

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5063 intended to be proposed to S. 3001, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5131

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 5131 intended to be proposed to S. 3268, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 5249

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 5249 intended to be proposed to S. 3268, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI:

S. 3354. A bill to award grants for the establishment of demonstration programs to enable States to develop volunteer health care programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to discuss the importance of ensuring the people of our Nation have access to health care and what the Senate can do today to help the neediest people get the kind of care they need and are entitled to.

There are currently 61 million Americans who are either uninsured or underinsured. These people, many of whom are working and have families to care for, may have limited access to the kind of routine health care and nonemergency services so many of us take for granted.

Fortunately, at the present time, there is a large, vital network of health care providers in this country who are doing their best to address this need and provide care to this underserved population. We don't talk about this network much, as the Federal Government does not pay for it.

It is made up of volunteers, hundreds of thousands of health care providers, working across America, in almost every community, volunteering their expertise and donating their time to help those in need. These people are physicians, dentists, nurses, optometrists and chiropractors, to name a few of the professions that are represented in this group. Hospitals and outpatient surgical centers are also contributing to the effort.

Caring for our neighbor has always been a basic value for us as Americans. My mother always told me that the service we provide to others is the rent we pay for the space we take up on God's green earth. The people who are participating in this network of care have taken that philosophy to heart and we are all the beneficiaries of their efforts. They are making a difference in more lives than we will ever know.

We have all heard the saying that charity begins at home, and while it is an important part of any effort to address a need in our towns and cities, I am not suggesting that it is the final answer to correct the social injustices that exist in the world. We all realize that too many Americans lack health insurance, and that health care reform is a top priority for Congress. America needs health care reform, and I have a