

the story of our Nation's past from a new perspective by concentrating on the economic, cultural, social, and other notable contributions that Filipino Americans have made in countless ways toward the development of the history of the United States;

Whereas the Filipino-American community is the second largest Asian-American group in the United States, with a population of approximately 3,100,000 people;

Whereas Filipino-American servicemen and servicewomen have a longstanding history serving in the Armed Services, from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts, including the 250,000 Filipinos who fought under the United States flag during World War II to protect and defend this country;

Whereas 9 Filipino Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force that can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas Filipino Americans are an integral part of the United States health care system as nurses, doctors, and other medical professionals;

Whereas Filipino Americans have contributed greatly to the fine arts, music, dance, literature, education, business, literature, journalism, sports, fashion, politics, government, science, technology, and other fields in the United States that enrich the landscape of the country;

Whereas efforts should continue to promote the study of Filipino-American history and culture, as mandated in the mission statement of the Filipino American National Historical Society, because the roles of Filipino Americans and other people of color have been overlooked in the writing, teaching, and learning of United States history;

Whereas it is imperative for Filipino-American youth to have positive role models to instill in them the importance of education, complemented with the richness of their ethnicity and the value of their legacy; and

Whereas Filipino American History Month is celebrated during the month of October 2009; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the celebration of Filipino American History Month 2009 as a study of the advancement of Filipino Americans, as a time of reflection and remembrance, and as a time to renew efforts toward the research and examination of history and culture in order to provide an opportunity for all people in the United States to learn and appreciate more about Filipino Americans and their historic contributions to the Nation; and

(2) urges the people of the United States to observe Filipino American History Month 2009 with appropriate programs and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL INFANT MORTALITY AWARENESS MONTH 2009

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

S. RES. 299

Whereas infant mortality refers to the death of a baby before his or her first birthday;

Whereas the United States ranks 29th among industrialized nations in the rate of infant mortality;

Whereas premature birth, low-birth weight, and shorter gestation periods account for more than 60 percent of infant deaths in the United States;

Whereas high rates of infant mortality are especially prevalent in communities with large minority populations, high rates of unemployment and poverty, and limited access to safe housing and medical providers;

Whereas premature birth is a leading cause of infant mortality and, according to the Institute of Medicine, costs the United States more than \$26,000,000,000 annually;

Whereas infant mortality rates can be substantially reduced through community-based services such as outreach, home visitation, case management, health education, and interconceptional care;

Whereas support for community-based programs to reduce infant mortality can result in lower future spending on medical interventions, special education, and other social services that may be needed for infants and children who are born with a low-birth weight;

Whereas the United States Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office of Minority Health, has implemented the "A Healthy Baby Begins With You" campaign;

Whereas public awareness and education campaigns on infant mortality are held during the month of September 2009; and

Whereas September 2009 has been designated as National Infant Mortality Awareness Month; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2009;

(2) supports efforts to educate Americans about infant mortality and its contributing factors;

(3) supports efforts to reduce infant deaths, low-birth weight, pre-term births, and disparities in perinatal outcomes;

(4) recognizes the critical importance of including efforts to reduce infant mortality and its contributing factors as part of prevention and wellness strategies; and

(5) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Infant Mortality Awareness Month during September 2009 with appropriate programs and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 300—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK AND THE WORK OF FIREFIGHTERS IN EDUCATING AND PROTECTING THE COMMUNITIES OF THIS NATION

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DODD, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 300

Whereas since the organization of the first fire departments during the colonial era of this Nation, firefighters have maintained their dedication to protecting the health and safety of the American public;

Whereas firefighters presently provide a multitude of services to our communities, including emergency medical services, special rescue response, hazardous material and terrorism response, and public safety education;

Whereas 103 firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty in 2008;

Whereas the Nation's fire departments respond to emergency calls nearly once per second and are dispatched to fire emergencies every 22 seconds;

Whereas approximately 1,145,000 fires were reported in 2008;

Whereas firefighters always respond with courage, whether they are confronted with acts of terrorism, natural disasters, or other emergencies;

Whereas Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record, as firefighters have been honored for their role in educating the American public since the first Fire Prevention Week was declared by President Warren G. Harding in 1922;

Whereas the National Fire Protection Association has designated the week of October 4 through October 10, 2009, as Fire Prevention Week; and

Whereas educating all Americans to "Stay Fire Smart" continues to be a priority for all firefighters; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of this Nation; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42—PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STATUE OF HELEN KELLER, PRESENTED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 42

Whereas Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama on June 27, 1880, and at the age of 19 months lost her sight and hearing as a result of meningitis;

Whereas Helen was liberated from the "double dungeon of darkness and silence" by her teacher, Anne Sullivan, when she discovered language and communication at the water pump when she was 7 years old;

Whereas Helen enrolled in Radcliffe College in 1900 and graduated cum laude in 1904 to become the first deaf and blind college graduate;

Whereas Helen's life served as a model for all people with disabilities in America and worldwide;

Whereas Helen became recognized as one of Alabama's and America's best known figures and became "America's Goodwill Ambassador to the World";

Whereas Helen pioneered the concept of "talking books" for the blind;

Whereas LIFE Magazine hailed Helen as "one of the 100 most important Americans of the 20th Century—a national treasure"; and

Whereas Helen's presence in the Capitol will become an even greater inspiration for people with disabilities worldwide; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

SECTION 1. ACCEPTANCE OF HELEN KELLER, FROM THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA, FOR PLACEMENT IN THE CAPITOL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The statue of Helen Keller, furnished by the people of Alabama for placement in the Capitol, in accordance with section 1814 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C. 2131), is accepted in the name of the United States, and the thanks of Congress are tendered to the people of Alabama for providing this commemoration of one of Alabama's most eminent personages.

(b) PRESENTATION CEREMONY.—The State of Alabama is authorized to use the Rotunda of the Capitol on October 7, 2009, for a presentation ceremony for the statue. The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police

Board shall take such action as may be necessary with respect to physical preparations and security for the ceremony.

(c) DISPLAY IN ROTUNDA.—The Architect of the Capitol shall provide for the display of the statue accepted under this section in the Rotunda of the Capitol for a period of not more than 6 months, after which period the statue shall be displayed in the Capitol, in accordance with the procedures described in section 311(e) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (2 U.S.C. 2132(e)).

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an enrolled copy of this concurrent resolution to the Governor of Alabama.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 43—AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO FORMER SENATOR EDWARD BROOKE

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

S. CON. RES. 43

Whereas Edward William Brooke III was the first African American elected by popular vote to the United States Senate and served with distinction for 2 terms from January 3, 1967, to January 3, 1979;

Whereas on March 29, 2007, the United States Senate passed S. 682, sponsored by the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy with 68 co-sponsors, by unanimous consent, to award Senator Brooke the Congressional Gold Medal;

Whereas on June 10, 2008, the House passed S. 682 under suspension of the rules by voice vote and a similar measure, H.R. 1000 was introduced in the House by Representative EL-EANOR HOLMES NORTON with 286 co-sponsors; and

Whereas the President signed the bill on July 1, 2008, and it became Public Law 110-260: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

The rotunda of the United States Capitol is authorized to be used on October 28, 2009, for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2588. Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

SA 2589. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2590. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2591. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of

Florida, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2592. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REID, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2593. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2594. Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. BENNETT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2595. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2596. Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. NELSON, of Florida and Mr. BENNETT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2597. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2598. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. INOUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2599. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2600. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2601. Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2602. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2603. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2604. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2605. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2606. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2607. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2608. Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2609. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BENNETT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2610. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2611. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2612. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2613. Mr. FRANKEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2614. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. JOHANNES, and Mr. WEBB) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2615. Mrs. HAGAN (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2616. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. KYL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. BENNETT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2617. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2618. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2619. Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2620. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2621. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra.

SA 2622. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2610 submitted by Mr. SESSIONS and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2623. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2588. Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 245, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 8104. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for any existing or new Federal contract if the contractor or a subcontractor at any tier requires that an employee or independent contractor, as a condition of employment, sign a contract that mandates that the employee or independent contractor performing work under the contract or subcontract resolve through arbitration any claim under title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or any tort related to or arising out of sexual assault or harassment, including assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, false imprisonment, or negligent hiring, supervision, or retention.