

also started a petition which garnered over 2,000 signatures from Wisconsinites, and which was sent to President Obama asking him to designate a national day of recognition honoring Ruby Bridges.

On November 14, 1960, Ruby Bridges became the first African-American child to attend William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, LA. While she is forever immortalized in Norman Rockwell's painting as a six-year-old child being escorted to school by U.S. Marshals, with tomatoes splattered in the background, her story is one of courage, bravery and a lifelong commitment to raising awareness of diversity through improved educational opportunities for all children. Even though Ruby Bridges endured riots and protests and retaliations against her family, she attended school at William Frantz every day during the 1960–61 school year. She was supported by her teacher, Ms. Barbara Henry, who herself faced retaliation and was not invited back to teach at William Frantz the following school year. Ruby went on to graduate high school and college, have a career and raise a family.

In 1999, Ruby Bridges established the Ruby Bridges Foundation to help eliminate racism and improve society by educating students around the country about her experiences, discussing ongoing efforts to promote diversity and providing lessons students could take back to their communities. Even today, 49 years after Ruby Bridges became the first child to attend integrated school in New Orleans, LA, her story provides an inspiring example for our young people. The story of Ruby Bridges has affected and influenced the lives of children across the country and one first grade class in Milwaukee, WI, in particular.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this Senate resolution recognizing November 14, 2009, as the 49th anniversary of the first school integration in New Orleans, LA, and commending Ruby Bridges for her bravery, courage and lifetime commitment to raising awareness of diversity through education.

Mr. REID. Madam 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, that there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 350) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 350

Whereas, in 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment to the Constitution;

Whereas Judge J. Skelly Wright, of the United States District Court for the Eastern

District of Louisiana, ordered the Orleans Parish School Board to develop a school desegregation plan in 1956 and, after years of delay, in 1960, ordered the Orleans Parish School Board to carry out a plan designed by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana;

Whereas 6 years after the *Brown v. Board of Education* (347 U.S. 483) decision, on November 14, 1960, Ruby Bridges, at the age of 6, became the first African-American student to attend the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana;

Whereas, in 1995, Ruby Bridges contributed to "The Story of Ruby Bridges", a book for children, and, in 1999, wrote "Through My Eyes" to help educate children and people of all ages about her experiences and the importance of tolerance;

Whereas Ruby Bridges established the Ruby Bridges Foundation in 1999 to help eliminate racism and improve society by educating students about the experiences of Ruby Bridges, discuss ongoing efforts to promote diversity, and provide lessons students can take back to their own communities; and

Whereas, in 2002, the Ruby Bridges Foundation, along with the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum for Tolerance in Los Angeles, launched The Ruby's Bridges Project, a program that brought together students from diverse backgrounds to develop relationship-building skills and promote an appreciation of one another: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes November 14, 2009, as the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans, Louisiana;

(2) remembers Judge J. Skelly Wright for his advocacy, support, and lifelong commitment to promoting civil rights, fairness, and equality;

(3) commends Ruby Bridges for her bravery and courage 49 years ago, and for her lifetime commitment to raising awareness of diversity through improved educational opportunities for all children;

(4) supports policies and efforts to—

(A) close the achievement gap in the schools of our Nation;

(B) improve the high school graduation rate for all students;

(C) strengthen the ability of all students to attend and complete post-secondary education; and

(D) promote the benefits of school integration throughout the educational careers of students; and

(5) congratulates all the individuals who have dedicated their lives to the field of education and to promoting equal opportunities for all students regardless of the backgrounds of the students.

NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to S. Res. 351.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 351) designating the week beginning on November 9, 2009 as National School Psychology Week.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be

laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 351) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 351

Whereas all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that meets their individual needs;

Whereas schools can more effectively ensure that all students are ready and able to learn if schools meet all the needs of each student;

Whereas learning and development are directly linked to the mental health of children, and a supportive learning environment is an optimal place to promote mental health;

Whereas sound psychological principles are critical to proper instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention and early intervention, and support for a culturally diverse student population;

Whereas school psychologists are specially trained to deliver mental health services and academic support that lower barriers to learning and allow teachers to teach more effectively;

Whereas school psychologists facilitate collaboration that helps parents and educators identify and reduce risk factors, promote protective factors, create safe schools, and access community resources;

Whereas school psychologists are trained to assess barriers to learning, utilize data-based decisionmaking, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes, and improve accountability;

Whereas State educational agencies and other State entities credential more than 35,000 school psychologists who practice in schools in the United States as key professionals that promote the learning and mental health of all children;

Whereas the National Association of School Psychologists establishes and maintains high standards for training, practice, and school psychologist credentialing, in collaboration with organizations such as the American Psychological Association, that promote effective and ethical services by school psychologists to children, families, and schools; and

Whereas the people of the United States should recognize the vital role school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of the Nation's children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning on November 9, 2009, as National School Psychology Week;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions of school psychologists to the success of students in schools across the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the vital role school psychologists play in schools, in the community, and in helping students develop into successful and productive members of society.

ENCOURAGING BANKS AND MORTGAGE SERVICERS TO WORK WITH FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CONTAMINATED DRYWALL

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 352.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 352) encouraging banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages.

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

Mr. REID. Madam 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, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 352) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 352

Whereas since January 2009, over 1,300 cases of contaminated drywall have been reported in 26 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas many individuals living in homes with contaminated drywall have reported problems with their health, including bloody noses, rashes, sore throats, burning eyes, and upper respiratory tract conditions;

Whereas some homeowners living with contaminated drywall have reported corrosion of metals inside their homes, such as air conditioning coils and electrical wiring;

Whereas as a result of these problems, many families that have contaminated drywall in their homes have moved out of their residences and into temporary living situations, with few such families being able to afford an additional financial burden;

Whereas because of cases of contaminated drywall, some Americans who pay their mortgages on time are now suffering from financial problems at no fault of their own; and

Whereas banks and mortgage servicers can help families affected by contaminated drywall by providing temporary forbearance with respect to their mortgage payments to help such families afford the costs of an additional residence while they are removed from their primary homes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate encourages banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3962

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that H.R. 3962 has been received from the House and is now at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3962) to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask for its second reading, but I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011, and William A. Reinsch of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of Presidential Nomination 933, the nomination of Jeffrey Bleich to be Ambassador to Australia; that the Senate then proceed to the nomination; that the nomination be confirmed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that no further motions be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD, as if read; and that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a financial disclosure report be printed in the RECORD.

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

FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Nominee: Jeffrey L. Bleich.

Post: Australia.

Nominated: September 11, 2009.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, date, amount, and donee:

Self: 9/2/2005, \$400.00, Dianne Feinstein for Senate; 9/14/2005, \$500.00, Evan Bayh Committee; 11/29/2005, \$500.00, Midwest Values PAC; 12/20/2005, \$1,000.00, One America Committee; 12/29/2005, \$250.00, Barbara Lee for Congress; 3/31/2006, \$500.00, Schiff for Congress; 5/18/2006, \$500.00, Steve Filson for Congress; 5/19/2006, \$255.00, Midwest Values PAC; 6/30/2006, \$500.00, Jill Derby for Congress; 6/30/2006, \$250.00, John Cranley for Congress; 6/30/2006, \$250.00, Ellsworth for Congress Committee; 7/5/2006, \$1,000.00, Jerry McNerney for Congress; 8/17/2006, \$500.00, Midwest Values PAC; 8/28/2006, \$250.00, California Victory 2006; 9/12/2006, \$500.00, Sheldon Whitehouse for Senate; 9/28/2006, \$500.00, Friends of Sherron Brown; 9/29/2006, \$1,000.00, McCaskill for Missouri; 9/30/2006, \$250.00, Dianne Feinstein for Senate; 10/30/2006, \$1,320.00, One America Committee; 11/3/2006, \$500.00, Nebraskans for Kleeb; 1/2/2007, \$1,000.00, John Edwards for President; 1/16/2007, \$2,100.00, Obama for America; 3/18/2007, \$1,000.00, Al Franken for Senate; 3/31/2007, \$1,300.00, John Edwards for President; 5/15/2007, \$1,000.00, Schiff for Congress; 6/30/2007, \$1,300.00, Al Franken for Senate; 10/3/2007, \$2,000.00, Iowa Democratic Party; 10/29/2007, \$1,000.00, Jeff Merkley for Oregon; 11/5/2007, \$250.00, Friends of Barbara Boxer; 11/10/2007, \$500.00, Brown for Congress; 11/30/2007, \$5,000.00, Vote Hope; 12/5/2007, \$1,000.00, Paul Hodes for Congress; 1/25/2008, \$500.00, Mark Pryor for US Senate; 3/19/2008, \$400.00, Montana Democratic Party; 5/19/2008, \$250.00, Jeff Merkley for Oregon; 5/20/2008, \$1,500.00, Barbara Lee for Congress; 5/23/2008, \$250.00, Nebraskans for Kleeb; 6/22/2008, \$1,000.00, Perriello for Congress; 6/26/2008, \$500.00, Strengthen our Senate Majority; 6/26/2008, \$250.00, Udall for Us All; 6/26/2008, \$250.00, Tom Allen for Senate; 6/30/2008, \$250.00, Nebraskans for Kleeb; 7/25/2008, \$2,300.00, Hillary Clinton for President; 8/31/2008, \$14,250.00, Obama Victory Fund; 8/31/2008, \$2,300.00, Obama for America; 8/31/2008, \$11,950.00, DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee; 9/23/2008, \$500.00, Paul Hodes for Congress; 9/29/2008, \$250.00, Perriello for Congress; 10/12/2008, \$250.00, Obama Victory Fund; 10/12/2008, \$250.00 DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee; 10/15/2008, \$250.00, Brown for Congress; 10/28/2008, \$250.00, Alaskans for Begich; 10/30/2008, \$250.00, Musgrove for U.S. Senate; 10/31/2008, \$250.00, Alaskans for Begich; 1/18/2009, \$1,000.00, Al Franken for Senate; 2/18/2009, \$1,000.00, Leahy for US Senator Committee.

2. Spouse: Rebecca Bleich: 3/19/2007, \$2,300.00, Obama for America.

3. Father: Charles Bleich: 8/8/2007, \$250.00, Obama for America; 11/13/2007, \$200.00, Obama for America.

4. Mother: Linda Bleich: 8/8/2007, \$250.00, Obama for America.

5. Sister: Deborah Cogan: 7/10/2006, \$1,500.00, Evan Bayh Committee; 1/10/2008, \$2,300.00, Obama for America; 7/1/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama Victory Fund; 7/31/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama for America; 11/2/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama Victory Fund; 11/3/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama for America.

6. Brother-in-law: Michael Cogan: 3/21/2007, \$500.00, Friends of Dick Durbin Committee; 8/23/2007, \$500.00, Friends of Gordon Smith; 9/21/2007, \$500.00, DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee; 10/19/2007, \$500.00, Mike Pence Committee; 11/28/2007, \$1,500.00, Friends of Jay Rockefeller; 12/26/2007, \$500.00, Roskam for Congress Committee; 3/29/2008, \$750.00, Hoyer for Congress; 8/4/2008, \$1,000.00, Judy Biggert for Congress.