

Whereas the Daughters of Penelope provides support and financial assistance to victims and communities affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and forest fires: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significant contributions of people of Greek ancestry, and of Philhellenes, to the United States; and

(2) commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope in 2009, applauds its mission, and commends the many charitable contributions of its members to organizations and communities around the world.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, this year marks the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Daughters of Penelope. I rise today to introduce with my colleague, Senator MENENDEZ, a resolution honoring their history of selfless service and achievement during these eight historic decades.

Founded November 16, 1929, in San Francisco, CA, the Daughters of Penelope was established to improve the well-being of women and provide them with the opportunity to make significant contributions to American society. Today its mission is to promote the ideals of ancient Greece—education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

An affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, AHEPA, a leading association of American citizens of Greek heritage and Philhellenes, the Daughters of Penelope have worked both within and beyond the Greek-American community to achieve remarkable accomplishments. Over its history, its members have tirelessly sought to strengthen the status of women in society, shelter the elderly and the abused, educate our youth, promote Hellenic heritage, and raise funds for medical research.

One project adopted by the Daughters of Penelope is particularly near and dear to my heart—its charitable aid to St. Basil Academy, a Greek Orthodox Archdiocese home for children in need, which I attended for several years. Beginning in 1954, the Daughters of Penelope have been providing charitable aid to St. Basil Academy when it embarked on a Christmas Seal Campaign to raise funds to build the new water works for the Academy. Since then, the Daughters of Penelope contributed to the furnishing of new buildings that have been built on campus, built a heated outdoor swimming pool for the children, and has provided funds for ongoing maintenance and renovations to the Academy for such items as replacing outdated appliances and worn-out roofs.

In matching their own personal achievement with the desire to help others also achieve their goals, the Daughters of Penelope exemplify the very best in American and Hellenic values. As they embark on another 8 decades of service and accomplishment, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating them on their distin-

guished past, and wishing them every success in the future.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 118—TO PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS TO CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 118

*Resolved*,

##### SECTION 1. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall make information available to the public in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

##### SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE INFORMATION.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Research Service, shall make available through a centralized electronic system, for purposes of access and retrieval by the public under section 3 of this resolution—

(A) all information described in paragraph (2) that is available through the Congressional Research Service website; and

(B) an index of all information described in paragraph (2) that is available through the Congressional Research Service website.

(2) INFORMATION TO BE MADE AVAILABLE.—The information to be made available under paragraph (1) is the following:

(A) Congressional Research Service Issue Briefs.

(B) Congressional Research Service Reports that are available to Members of Congress through the Congressional Research Service website.

(C) Congressional Research Service Authorization of Appropriations Products and Appropriations Products.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to—

(A) any information that is confidential, as determined by—

(i) the Director of the Congressional Research Service; or

(ii) the head of a Federal department or agency that provided the information to the Congressional Research Service; or

(B) any documents that are the product of an individual, office, or committee research request (other than a document described in subsection (a)(2)).

(2) REDACTION AND REVISION.—In carrying out this section, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Research Service, may—

(A) remove from the information required to be made available under subsection (a) the name and phone number of, and any other information regarding, an employee of the Congressional Research Service;

(B) remove from the information required to be made available under subsection (a) any material for which the Director of the Congressional Research Service, determines that making that material available under subsection (a) may infringe the copyright of a work protected under title 17, United States Code; and

(C) make any changes in the information required to be made available under subsection (a) that the Director of the Congress-

sional Research Service, determines necessary to ensure that the information is accurate and current.

(c) MANNER.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, in consultation with the Director of the Congressional Research Service, shall make the information required under this section available in a manner that is practical and reasonable.

##### SEC. 3. METHOD OF ACCESS.

(a) CRS INFORMATION.—Public access to Congressional Research Service information made available under section 2 shall be provided through the websites maintained by Members and Committees of the Senate. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall ensure that the websites maintained by Members and Committees of the Senate provide the same capability to find information made available under section 2 as the Congressional Research Service website.

(b) EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRS REPORTS ONLINE.—The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is responsible for maintaining and updating the information made available on the Internet under section 2.

##### SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.

The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate shall establish the database described in section 2(a) within 6 months after the date of adoption of this resolution.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 119—COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA GYMNASTICS TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2009 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

S. RES. 119

Whereas in 2009, the University of Georgia gymnastics team, the "Gym Dogs", won its 10th National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) women's gymnastics championship;

Whereas the University of Georgia gymnastics program has won 16 Southeastern Conference (SEC) championships;

Whereas the University of Georgia gymnastics program has produced 7 Honda Award winners, with Courtney Kupets under consideration as a finalist for the 2009 award;

Whereas the 2009 national title is the Gym Dogs' 5th consecutive national championship;

Whereas the University of Georgia gymnastics team is the most successful gymnastics program in the Nation;

Whereas the Gym Dogs have made 26 consecutive appearances in the NCAA gymnastics championships;

Whereas the 2009 Gym Dogs's overall record was an amazing 32-1;

Whereas the 2009 Gym Dogs also achieved the highest team GPA at the University of Georgia, 3.36;

Whereas the gymnastics team's coach, Suzanne Yoculan, will retire as the most successful collegiate gymnastics coach in NCAA history; and

Whereas Coach Suzanne Yoculan has, in 19 of her 26 years as head coach at the University of Georgia, taken her squad to an SEC title, an NCAA title, or both: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Georgia gymnastics team for winning the 2009 NCAA women's national championship;

(2) recognizes that the Gym Dogs have won more national championships than any other gymnastics program in the Nation; and

(3) congratulates Suzanne Yoculan for a spectacular career as the University of Georgia's gymnastics coach.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 120—CONGRATULATING THE TRINITY COLLEGE BANTAMS FOR THEIR 11TH-STRAIGHT COLLEGE SQUASH ASSOCIATION MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**

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

S. RES. 120

Whereas, on February 23, 2009, the Trinity College Bantams defeated the Princeton University Tigers, 5 games to 4, in the final match of the College Squash Association Men's Team Championship tournament;

Whereas the Bantams have won 11 national championships in a row;

Whereas the Bantams have won 202 straight matches, the longest winning streak in collegiate sports history;

Whereas junior Baset Chaudry, down 5-0 in the final game with the match tied 4-4, rallied to score 9 straight points and clinch the title for the Bantams;

Whereas seniors Gustav Detter and Manek Mathur, junior Baset Chaudry, sophomore Parth Sharma, and freshman Vikram Malholtra were named to the College Squash Association All-America First Team, and sophomores Randy Lim and Andre Vargas were named to the Second Team;

Whereas, on March 1, 2009, junior Baset Chaudry won the College Squash Association's Men's Individual Championship;

Whereas the diverse roster of the Bantams, which includes players from the United States, India, Jamaica, Pakistan, Sweden, Columbia, and Malaysia, highlights the diversity of Trinity College and the commitment of Trinity College to fostering cultural understanding;

Whereas Coach Paul Assainte has earned acclaim from his players for his role as coach and mentor and for underscoring the values of humility and respect for one's opponents and teammates; and

Whereas each player, coach, and staff member of the Trinity College Bantams demonstrates a strong commitment to the pursuit and achievement of excellence: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Trinity College Bantams for their historic 11th-straight College Squash Association Men's Team Championship; and

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and support staff who were instrumental in the Bantams' victory.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL EARLY EDUCATOR WORTHY WAGE DAY**

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. CON. RES. 21

Whereas approximately 60 percent of the children in the United States under the age

of 6 are in nonparental care during part or all of the day while their parents work;

Whereas the early childhood industry employs more than 2,300,000 workers;

Whereas the average salary of an early care and education worker is \$18,917 per year;

Whereas only 1/3 of early care and education workers have health insurance and even fewer have pension plans;

Whereas the quality of early care and education programs is directly linked to the quality of early childhood educators;

Whereas the turnover rate of early childhood program staff is roughly 30 percent each year, and low wages and lack of benefits, among other factors, make it difficult to retain high quality educators who have the consistent, caring relationships with young children that are important to children's development;

Whereas the compensation of early childhood program staff should reflect the importance of the job of helping the young children of the United States develop their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive skills and be ready for school;

Whereas providing adequate compensation to early childhood program staff should be a priority, and resources should be allocated to improve the compensation of early childhood educators to ensure that quality care and education are accessible for all families;

Whereas additional training and education for the early childhood workforce is critical to ensuring high-quality early learning environments;

Whereas early childhood educators should receive compensation commensurate with their training and experience; and

Whereas the Center for the Child Care Workforce, a project of the American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and other early childhood organizations, recognize May 1 as "National Early Educator Worthy Wage Day": Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Early Educator Worthy Wage Day; and

(2) urges public officials and the general public—

(A) to honor early childhood care and education staff and programs in their communities; and

(B) to work together to resolve the early childhood education staff compensation crisis.

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nomination of Daniel B. Poneman, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, the nomination of David B. Sandalow, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy), the nomination of Rhea S. Suh, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and the nomination of Michael L. Connor, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Amanda\_kelly@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Amanda Kelly at (202) 224-6836.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, April 30, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider the following:

1. Nomination of Dr. Yvette D. Roubideaux to be Director of Indian Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;

2. S. 151, the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2009; and

3. S. 443, the Hoh Indian Tribe Safe Homelands Act.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 202-224-2251.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Swine Flu Epidemic: The Public Health and Medical Response" on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. The hearing will commence at 3 p.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.