

(A) develop and monitor the implementation of a national foreign language strategy, built upon the efforts of the National Security Language Initiative, across all sectors;

(B) establish formal relationships among the major stakeholders in meeting the needs of the Nation for improved capabilities in foreign languages and cultural understanding, including Federal, State, and local government agencies, academia, industry, labor, and heritage communities; and

(C) coordinate and lead a public information campaign that raises awareness of public and private sector careers requiring foreign language skills and cultural understanding, with the objective of increasing interest in and support for the study of foreign languages among national leaders, the business community, local officials, parents, and individuals.

(k) ENCOURAGEMENT OF STATE INVOLVEMENT.—

(1) STATE CONTACT PERSONS.—The Council shall consult with each State to provide for the designation by each State of an individual to serve as a State contact person for the purpose of receiving and disseminating information and communications received from the Council.

(2) STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCILS AND LEAD AGENCIES.—Each State is encouraged to establish a State interagency council on foreign language coordination or designate a lead agency for the State for the purpose of assuming primary responsibility for coordinating and interacting with the Council and State and local government agencies as necessary.

(l) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Council shall provide to Congress such information as may be requested by Congress, through reports, briefings, and other appropriate means.

(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as necessary to carry out this Act.

By Mr. REID (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. LEVIN)):

S. 1012. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Mother's Day Centennial Coin Commemorative Coin Act. I am proud to have the senior Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, as an original cosponsor given that this is a special event for our state. We are joined by Senators BAYH, BEGICH, BEN NELSON, WHITEHOUSE and LEVIN.

In 1908, a West Virginian woman by the name of Anna Jarvis petitioned her local church to declare May 9th as Mother's Day. Within 6 years, the holiday became nationally recognized. Now, more than 100 years after that first Mother's Day, we have the opportunity to commemorate the centennial of this great holiday and further recognize the millions of American mothers whose essential role in life cannot be overstated.

The legislation I am introducing today would recognize the centennial of Mother's Day by authorizing the

Treasury to mint commemorative Mother's Day coins. Profits generated from the sale of the coins would be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure and The National Osteoporosis Foundation. Susan G. Komen for the Cure has raised more than \$1 billion for breast cancer research since 1982, and the National Osteoporosis Foundation is considered our Nation's leading voluntary health organization. Thousands of women have benefited from the efforts of these organizations and they are well deserving of our support.

These coins will not only raise awareness of the proud history of Mother's Day, but will help improve the health of thousands of our Nation's mothers. Therefore, I encourage my colleagues to reflect upon their relationships with the mothers in their lives, and join me in supporting this legislation to recognize the past century's worth of noble women and help ensure the health of those to come in the next century.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 136—A BILL EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO ENTER INTO A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTRY OF GEORGIA

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 136

Whereas Georgia has been developing its democratic and market-economy institutions for over a decade;

Whereas the pace of democratic and economic reforms has accelerated dramatically since the Rose Revolution of 2003;

Whereas the democratically-elected government of Georgia has worked aggressively to combat corruption and increase transparency and accountability in government institutions, and should continue to do so;

Whereas Georgia has implemented a number of economic reforms, particularly in its tax and regulatory regimes;

Whereas such reforms were designed to encourage entrepreneurship and small business development;

Whereas Georgia's economic reforms have spurred strong economic growth and foreign direct investment;

Whereas the August conflict with Russia nearly halted Georgia's economic growth, depleted public resources, drove up unemployment, and left a severe humanitarian crisis in its wake;

Whereas the global financial crisis has further hindered growth and investment in Georgia;

Whereas strong economic growth and investment would provide the necessary resources for Georgia to recover quickly from the devastation of the August conflict, as well as to further strengthen democratic institutions and solidify public support for democratic governance;

Whereas a vibrant, stable democracy in the Caucasus region is in the interest of the United States;

Whereas Georgia's position along energy transit routes is of strategic importance to the United States;

Whereas Georgia has aggressively sought integration into Euro-Atlantic institutions;

Whereas closer engagement with Georgia through trade negotiations would encourage even greater reform in Georgia and build its capacity to further modernize and liberalize its economy;

Whereas Georgia is a member of the World Trade Organization; and

Whereas pursuant to an agreement between Congress and the Bush Administration reached on May 10, 2007, the United States is committed to assisting its trading partners in efforts to improve standards of environmental and labor protections: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with Georgia.

SENATE RESOLUTION 137—RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARK

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORKER, and Mrs. HAGAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 137

Whereas, in the 1920s, groups of citizens and officials in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee displayed enormous foresight in recognizing the potential benefits of a national park in the Southern Appalachian Mountains;

Whereas the location of the park that became the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was selected from among the finest examples of the most scenic and intact mountain forests in the Southeastern United States;

Whereas the creation of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was the product of more than 2 decades of determined effort by leaders of communities across Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee;

Whereas the State legislatures and Governors of North Carolina and Tennessee exercised great vision in appropriating the funding that was used, along with funding from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial Fund, to purchase more than 400,000 acres of private land that became part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park;

Whereas the citizens of communities surrounding the Great Smoky Mountains National Park generously contributed funding for land acquisition to bring the Great Smoky Mountains National Park into being;

Whereas more than 1,100 families and other property owners were called upon to sacrifice their farms and homes for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations that would visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park;

Whereas the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was established as a completed park by the Act entitled "An Act to establish a minimum area for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and for other purposes", approved June 15, 1934 (16 U.S.C. 403g);

Whereas the Great Smoky Mountains National Park covers approximately 521,621 acres of land in the States of Tennessee and North Carolina, making it the largest protected area in the Eastern United States;

Whereas the Great Smoky Mountains National Park provides sanctuary for the most diverse flora and fauna of any national park in the temperate United States, and preserves an unparalleled collection of historic structures as a "time capsule" of Appalachian culture during the 19th and early 20th centuries;

Whereas, on September 2, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated the Great Smoky Mountains National Park;

Whereas the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has been the most popular national park in the United States since it opened, and attracts between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 visitors each year, making it the most visited of the 58 national parks in the United States; and

Whereas visitors to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park contribute more than \$700,000,000 to the local economy each year, resulting in more than 14,000 jobs in North Carolina and Tennessee: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the citizens of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee for their vision and sacrifice;

(2) commends the people of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the National Park Service for 75 years of successful management and preservation of the park land;

(3) congratulates the people of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the 75th anniversary of the park; and

(4) requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution for appropriate display to the headquarters of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

SENATE RESOLUTION 138—HONORING CONCERNS OF POLICE SURVIVORS FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TESTER, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DODD, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 138

Whereas May 14, 2009, marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of Concerns of Police Survivors;

Whereas, for 25 years, Concerns of Police Survivors has answered one of the highest and most noble calls to service by providing compassionate care and support to family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty;

Whereas, for 25 years, Concerns of Police Survivors has been a bedrock of strength for those family members in helping them rebuild their shattered lives;

Whereas, for 25 years, Concerns of Police Survivors has showed the highest amount of concern and respect for the tens of thousands of family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty;

Whereas those family members bear the most immediate and profound burden of the absences of their loved ones;

Whereas Concerns of Police Survivors facilitates healing and provides love and renewed life to those family members far from the eye of the media and the general public;

Whereas it is essential that the people of the United States are made aware of the good works of Concerns of Police Survivors

and recognize the contributions of Concerns of Police Survivors to so many families; and

Whereas National Police Week, observed in 2009 from May 10 to May 16, is the most appropriate time to honor Concerns of Police Survivors: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors Concerns of Police Survivors for 25 years of service to the family members of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty across the United States;

(2) recognizes and thanks Concerns of Police Survivors for assisting in rebuilding the shattered lives of those family members through the organization's invaluable programs;

(3) urges the people of the United States to join with the Senate in thanking Concerns of Police Survivors on behalf of the Nation; and

(4) recognizes with great appreciation the sacrifices made by the families of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in providing essential support to one another.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1057. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1057. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 207. PLAN FOR ELIMINATION OF WEAKNESSES IN OPERATIONS THAT HINDER CAPACITY TO ASSEMBLE AND ASSESS RELIABLE COST INFORMATION ON ACQUIRED ASSETS UNDER MAJOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a report setting forth a plan to identify and address weaknesses in operations that hinder the capacity to assemble and assess reliable cost information on the systems and assets to be acquired under major defense acquisition programs.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Mechanisms to identify any weaknesses in operations under major defense acquisition programs that hinder the capacity to assemble and assess reliable cost information on the systems and assets to be acquired under such programs in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(2) Mechanisms to address weaknesses in operations under major defense acquisition programs identified pursuant to the utilization of the mechanisms set forth under paragraph (1).

(3) A description of the proposed implementation of the mechanisms set forth pursuant to paragraph (2) to address the weaknesses described in that paragraph, including—

(A) the actions to be taken to implement such mechanisms;

(B) a schedule for carrying out such mechanisms; and

(C) metrics for assessing the progress made in carrying out such mechanisms.

(4) A description of the organization and resources required to carry out mechanisms set forth pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2).

(5) In the case of the financial management practices of each military department applicable to major defense acquisition programs—

(A) a description of any weaknesses in such practices; and

(B) a description of the actions to be taken to remedy such weaknesses.

(c) CONSULTATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In preparing the report required by subsection (a), the Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense shall seek and consider input from each of the following:

(A) The Chief Management Officer of the Department of the Army.

(B) The Chief Management Officer of the Department of the Navy.

(C) The Chief Management Officer of the Department of the Air Force.

(2) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.—In preparing for the report required by subsection (a) the matters covered by subsection (b)(5) with respect to a particular military department, the Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense shall consult specifically with the Chief Management Officer of the military department concerned.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate office building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 7, 2009 at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening the S.E.C.'s Vital Enforcement Responsibilities."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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