

“(A) compile the reports of the measures and evaluations of the grantees;

“(B) establish benchmarks to show progress toward savings; and

“(C) present a compilation of the information under this paragraph to Congress.

“(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—The Secretary shall award technical assistance grants, including State specific grants whenever practicable, to carry out the programs authorized under this title.

“(4) TRANSFER.—There are authorized to be appropriated for such evaluation and technical assistance under this subsection—

“(A) \$4,206,474 for fiscal year 2010;

“(B) \$9,811,533 for fiscal year 2011;

“(C) \$8,461,158 for fiscal year 2012;

“(D) \$11,166,517 for fiscal year 2013;

“(E) \$12,829,859 for fiscal year 2014;

“(F) \$14,527,252 for fiscal year 2015;

“(G) \$16,463,427 for fiscal year 2016;

“(H) \$17,677,299 for fiscal year 2017;

“(I) \$19,054,107 for fiscal year 2018;

“(J) \$20,552,158 for fiscal year 2019; and

“(K) \$22,202,641 for fiscal year 2020.

“(c) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated under this section shall remain available until expended.”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 183—CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MILLARD FULLER, THE FOUNDER OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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

S. RES. 183

Whereas Millard Fuller was born on January 3, 1935, in the small cotton-mill town of Lanett, in Chambers County, Alabama, and would later graduate from Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Law;

Whereas Millard Fuller became a self-made millionaire by the age of 29 and could have lived out the rest of his life in comfort, but instead he and his wife sold all of their possessions, donated the proceeds to the poor, and began searching for a new purpose for their lives;

Whereas Millard Fuller and his wife established Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, in 1976;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity has constructed more than 300,000 homes for 1,500,000 people and has a presence in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and more than 90 countries around the world;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity's noteworthy accomplishments include building 263 houses across the United States in 1 week and massive rebuilding efforts in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas in 2005, Millard Fuller established The Fuller Center for Housing, which works with local organizations to provide support and guidance to repair and build homes for impoverished individuals and is located in 24 States and 15 countries on 5 continents;

Whereas Millard Fuller provided 3 decades of leadership and service to Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center for Housing, committing his life to philanthropy and service to others while raising global concern for homelessness and poverty;

Whereas Millard Fuller was honored with over 50 honorary doctorate degrees by colleges and universities throughout the United States and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Nation's highest ci-

vilian honor, by President William Jefferson Clinton in 1996; and

Whereas Millard Fuller passed away on February 3, 2009, leaving behind a loving wife, a proud family, and a legacy that will extend far beyond his life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the life and achievements of Millard Fuller;

(2) acknowledges the millions of people he and his organization have served and the inspiration he has given to so many; and

(3) encourages all the people of the United States to recognize and pay tribute to Millard Fuller's life by following the example of service that he set.

SENATE RESOLUTION 184—OFFERING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OFFICER STEPHEN T. JOHNS AND CALLING ON THE LEADERS OF ALL NATIONS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, BIGOTRY, AND HATRED

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURR, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. McCAIN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WEBB, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 184

Whereas the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was established as a “living memorial that stimulates leaders and citizens to confront hatred, prevent genocide, promote human dignity, and strengthen democracy”;

Whereas, since the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1993, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has welcomed nearly 30,000,000 visitors, including more than 8,000,000 school children and 85 heads of state;

Whereas, on June 10, 2009, in an assault at the entrance of the United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum, Officer Stephen T. Johns of Temple Hills, Maryland, was fatally wounded and died heroically in the line of duty;

Whereas, in the wake of this heinous act of violence, the people of the United States should renew the commitment to end bigotry, intolerance, and hatred; and

Whereas there is no place in the society of the United States for individuals who seek to harm or deny rights to others, especially based on religion, race, or ethnic identity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) offers deepest condolences to the family and friends of Officer Stephen T. Johns;

(2) commends the staff members of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for their courage and bravery in responding to the attack on June 10, 2009;

(3) condemns anti-Semitism and all forms of religious, ethnic, and racial bigotry;

(4) condemns acts of physical violence against, and harassment of, people based on race, gender, ethnicity, or religious affiliation; and

(5) calls on the leaders of all Nations to speak out against the manifestations of anti-Semitism, bigotry, and hatred.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26—APOLOGIZING FOR THE ENSLAVEMENT AND RACIAL SEGREGATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BOND, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was ordered held at the desk:

S. CON. RES. 26

Whereas, during the history of the Nation, the United States has grown into a symbol of democracy and freedom around the world;

Whereas the legacy of African Americans is interwoven with the very fabric of the democracy and freedom of the United States;

Whereas millions of Africans and their descendants were enslaved in the United States and the 13 American colonies from 1619 through 1865;

Whereas Africans forced into slavery were brutalized, humiliated, dehumanized, and subjected to the indignity of being stripped of their names and heritage;

Whereas many enslaved families were torn apart after family members were sold separately;

Whereas the system of slavery and the visceral racism against people of African descent upon which it depended became enmeshed in the social fabric of the United States;

Whereas slavery was not officially abolished until the ratification of the 13th amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1865, after the end of the Civil War;

Whereas after emancipation from 246 years of slavery, African Americans soon saw the fleeting political, social, and economic gains they made during Reconstruction eviscerated by virulent racism, lynchings, disenfranchisement, Black Codes, and racial segregation laws that imposed a rigid system of officially sanctioned racial segregation in virtually all areas of life;

Whereas the system of de jure racial segregation known as “Jim Crow”, which arose in certain parts of the United States after

the Civil War to create separate and unequal societies for Whites and African Americans, was a direct result of the racism against people of African descent that was engendered by slavery;

Whereas the system of Jim Crow laws officially existed until the 1960's—a century after the official end of slavery in the United States—until Congress took action to end it, but the vestiges of Jim Crow continue to this day;

Whereas African Americans continue to suffer from the consequences of slavery and Jim Crow laws—long after both systems were formally abolished—through enormous damage and loss, both tangible and intangible, including the loss of human dignity and liberty;

Whereas the story of the enslavement and de jure segregation of African Americans and the dehumanizing atrocities committed against them should not be purged from or minimized in the telling of the history of the United States;

Whereas those African Americans who suffered under slavery and Jim Crow laws, and their descendants, exemplify the strength of the human character and provide a model of courage, commitment, and perseverance;

Whereas, on July 8, 2003, during a trip to Goree Island, Senegal, a former slave port, President George W. Bush acknowledged the continuing legacy of slavery in life in the United States and the need to confront that legacy, when he stated that slavery "was . . . one of the greatest crimes of history . . . The racial bigotry fed by slavery did not end with slavery or with segregation. And many of the issues that still trouble America have roots in the bitter experience of other times. But however long the journey, our destiny is set: liberty and justice for all.'";

Whereas President Bill Clinton also acknowledged the deep-seated problems caused by the continuing legacy of racism against African Americans that began with slavery, when he initiated a national dialogue about race;

Whereas an apology for centuries of brutal dehumanization and injustices cannot erase the past, but confession of the wrongs committed and a formal apology to African Americans will help bind the wounds of the Nation that are rooted in slavery and can speed racial healing and reconciliation and help the people of the United States understand the past and honor the history of all people of the United States;

Whereas the legislatures of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the States of Alabama, Florida, Maryland, and North Carolina have taken the lead in adopting resolutions officially expressing appropriate remorse for slavery, and other State legislatures are considering similar resolutions; and

Whereas it is important for the people of the United States, who legally recognized slavery through the Constitution and the laws of the United States, to make a formal apology for slavery and for its successor, Jim Crow, so they can move forward and seek reconciliation, justice, and harmony for all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the sense of the Congress is the following:

(1) APOLOGY FOR THE ENSLAVEMENT AND SEGREGATION OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS.—The Congress—

(A) acknowledges the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality, and inhumanity of slavery and Jim Crow laws;

(B) apologizes to African Americans on behalf of the people of the United States, for the wrongs committed against them and

their ancestors who suffered under slavery and Jim Crow laws; and

(C) expresses its recommitment to the principle that all people are created equal and endowed with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and calls on all people of the United States to work toward eliminating racial prejudices, injustices, and discrimination from our society.

(2) DISCLAIMER.—Nothing in this resolution—

(A) authorizes or supports any claim against the United States; or

(B) serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States.

NOTICE OF HEARING

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 the business meeting of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources that reconvened on Thursday, June 11, 2009, will resume in SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, on Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at 10:15 a.m., until 11 a.m.

The business meeting will then reconvene on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending energy legislation.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing entitled "North Korea Back at the Brink?".

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. NELSON of Florida. 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 "Healthcare Reform" on Thursday, June 11, 2009. The hearing will commence at 3 p.m. in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 11, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2:45 p.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 11, 2009, at 2 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND DRUGS

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 11, 2009, at 3 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Exploring the National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2009."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES, AND COAST GUARD

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 11 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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