

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "S. 372—The Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act of 2009."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ryan Douglas, Christian Fjeld, and Lisa Hone, Congressional fellows with the Commerce Committee, be allowed floor privileges during the consideration of S. 1023.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. CON. RES. 26

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, June 18, following a period of morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 26, a concurrent resolution submitted earlier today, and relating to slavery apology; that the concurrent resolution be held at the desk; that there be 60 minutes for debate with respect to the concurrent resolution, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; that no amendments be in order to the concurrent resolution or preamble; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote on adoption of the concurrent resolution; that upon adoption, the preamble be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we expect this resolution to be voted on by voice.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF MILLARD FULLER

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 183.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 183) celebrating the life and achievements of Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the

preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 183) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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 civilian 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.

OFFERING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OFFICER STEPHEN T. JOHNS

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 184.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 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.

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I have submitted a resolution condemning yesterday's heinous, horrific act of violence at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

I want to offer my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns. Officer Johns, of Temple Hills, in Prince George's County, MD, died in the line of duty. He ably served as a guard of the museum for 6 years. He was just 39 and leaves behind a grieving family. He gave his life to save the lives of numerous others. We must perpetually honor that ultimate sacrifice. I also want to commend all the staff of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the authorities who responded to the scene for their bravery.

I have visited the Holocaust Memorial Museum many times with my family and friends. It is clear that the gunman's despicable rampage was intended to frighten and intimidate all people who care about equality and liberty.

I introduced this resolution to affirm my commitment to ending the bigotry and hatred that led to this heinous act. There is no place in our society for individuals who would harm or deny rights to others, especially based on religion, race, gender, or ethnic identity. It is heartening that each and every U.S. Senator has cosponsored this resolution.

Let there be no mistake about it, anti-Semitism and other hate crimes remain a pressing problem in our society. Anti-Semitism spawns from centuries of hatred, persecution, and the repeated attempts to destroy the Jewish people from their early days of slavery, through the Inquisition to the Holocaust and beyond. Hate crimes send a powerful message because they affect more than the individual victims; they are meant to intimidate and instill fear in entire groups of people. They create a sense of vulnerability and insecurity in others who may share characteristics with the victims. And that is precisely the intent of those who commit these crimes.

I am privileged to be chairman of the Helsinki Commission and a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In those capacities, and as a U.S. Senator generally, I am afforded numerous opportunities to speak out against the scourge of anti-Semitism, racial bigotry, and ethnic hatred worldwide. Part of the battle is to publicize the intolerance and hateful activity. As Oliver Wendell Holmes remarked,

The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of an eye. The more light you shine on it, the more it will contract.

This resolution is meant to be such a light and I am grateful that each and

every other Senator has seen fit to co-sponsor it. We truly speak as one in our anguish at the tragic event yesterday and in our determination to root out its causes so that it will not be repeated.

Mr. BURRIS. Mr. President, it is with deep sadness that I rise to mark the death of security guard Stephen Tyrone Johns, whose senseless murder yesterday afternoon at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum shocked us all.

My heart goes out to his family and friends on this tragic day and to his colleagues and fellow security officers who must return to a workplace that will surely never be quite the same.

Even as we mourn his death, we must commend Officer Johns, his colleagues, and all emergency personnel who responded quickly to prevent additional violence and protect the safety of museum visitors.

In the aftermath of this killing, how can we make sense of that which can only be described as senseless?

How can we comprehend the forces that would drive a person to such hatred, to such violence?

The simple truth is that most of us will never be able to fully understand this tragedy. We can only comfort one another as we struggle to confront a world in which Officer Johns has been taken from us far before his time.

The same incomprehensible hatred to which the Holocaust Memorial Museum bears silent witness.

We must honor the memory of Officer Johns by continuing the work he supported at the museum, preventing further violence, and standing tall in the face of intolerance.

It will not be easy to move on, but we can start by asking ourselves what we can do to prevent guns from falling into the hands of killers, to stop those who would commit hate crimes before more innocent people are slain. That is what we owe the legacy of Officer Stephen Tyrone Johns. That is how we can celebrate his memory, honor his sacrifice, and pay tribute to the spirit of his work and the continuing mission of the place where he died.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 184) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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 Mu-

seum 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.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1:45 p.m., Monday, June 15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, earlier today I filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S. 1023, the travel promotion legislation. That cloture vote will occur prior to the recess for the caucus luncheons on Tuesday, June 16. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes next Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009, AT 1:45 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:15 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 15, 2009, at 1:45 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

JOHN R. NORRIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY

COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2012, VICE JOSEPH TIMOTHY KELLIHER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL ANTHONY BATTLE, SR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE AFRICAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

DONALD STERNOFF BEYER, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO SWITZERLAND, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN.

MARTHA LARZELERE CAMPBELL, OF MICHIGAN, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

DONALD HENRY GIPS, OF COLORADO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

GORDON GRAY, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA.

ALFONSO E. LENHARDT, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

JOHN R. NAY, OF MICHIGAN, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME.

DANIEL M. ROONEY, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO IRELAND.

RICHARD J. SCHMIERER, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SULTANATE OF OMAN.

PAMELA JO HOWELL SLUTZ, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI.

VINAI K. THUMMALAPALLY, OF COLORADO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BELIZE.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

ROCCO LANDESMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DANA GOJIA, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOSEPH W. WESTPHAL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE NELSON M. FORD.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be colonel

JOHN M. WIGHTMAN

To be major

MARK H. BAUMGARTNER
JOHN F. FREILER
SHANNON L. MCCAMEY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHELLE BONGIOVI

To be major

JOSEF F. DOENGES
JENNIFER A. KORKOSZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

SCOTT M. BAKER
MARIO L. REPETA
DEE A. WEED

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL L. STEINBERG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064: