

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 1519. A bill to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1520. A bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Con. Res. 36. A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "National Purple Heart Recognition Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 244

At the request of Mr. BOND, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 244, a bill to expand programs of early childhood home visitation that increase school readiness, child abuse and neglect prevention, and early identification of developmental and health delays, including potential mental health concerns, and for other purposes.

S. 307

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

S. 455

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 455, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition of 5 United States Army Five-Star Generals, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold, and Omar Bradley, alumni of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to coincide with the celebration of the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

S. 461

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 461, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the railroad track maintenance credit.

S. 482

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 482, a bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

S. 624

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 624, a bill to provide 100,000,000 people with first-time access to safe drinking water and sanitation on a sustainable basis by 2015 by improving the capacity of the United States Government to fully implement the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005.

S. 660

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 660, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to pain care.

S. 671

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 671, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 730

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 730, a bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify the tariffs on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 796

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to modify the requirements applicable to locatable minerals on public domain land, and for other purposes.

S. 806

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 806, a bill to provide for the establishment, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, and for other purposes.

S. 812

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 812, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 819

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 819, a bill to provide for enhanced treatment, support, services, and re-

search for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

S. 846

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 846, a bill to award a congressional gold medal to Dr. Muhammad Yunus, in recognition of his contributions to the fight against global poverty.

S. 850

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 850, a bill to amend the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to improve the conservation of sharks.

S. 908

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 908, a bill to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran.

S. 910

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 910, a bill to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to provide for additional monitoring and accountability of the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

S. 931

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 931, a bill to amend title 9 of the United States Code with respect to arbitration.

S. 975

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 975, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce fraud under the Medicare program.

S. 1065

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1065, a bill to authorize State and local governments to direct divestiture from, and prevent investment in, companies with investments of \$20,000,000 or more in Iran's energy sector, and for other purposes.

S. 1085

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1085, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to promote family unity, and for other purposes.

S. 1131

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1131, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide certain high cost Medicare beneficiaries suffering from multiple chronic conditions with access to coordinated, primary care medical services in lower cost treatment settings, such as their residences, under a plan of care developed by a team of qualified and experienced health care professionals.

S. 1146

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1146, a bill to direct the Attorney General to provide grants and access to information and resources for the implementation of the Sex Offender Registration Tips and Crime Victims Center Programs.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers, to provide for a performance standard for breast pumps, and to provide tax incentives to encourage breastfeeding.

S. 1304

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1304, a bill to restore the economic rights of automobile dealers, and for other purposes.

S. 1344

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1344, a bill to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

S. 1410

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1410, a bill to establish expanded learning time initiatives, and for other purposes.

S. 1411

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1411, a bill to amend title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to encourage and support parent, family, and community involvement in schools, to provide needed integrated services and comprehensive supports to children, and to ensure that schools are centers of communities, for the ultimate goal of assisting students to stay in school, become successful learners, and improve academic achievement.

S. 1457

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1457, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize reviews by the Comptroller General of the United States of any credit facility

established by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any Federal reserve bank, and for other purposes.

S. 1490

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1490, a bill to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information.

S. 1492

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease research while providing more help to caregivers and increasing public education about prevention.

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1492, *supra*.

S. 1501

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1501, a bill to provide a Federal tax exemption for forest conservation bonds, and for other purposes.

S. 1507

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1507, a bill to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to reform Postal Service retiree health benefits funding, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 200

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 200, a resolution designating September 12, 2009, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day".

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BURR:

S. 1518. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Mr. BURR. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation that will ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs provides health care to veterans and their families who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina during the years when the base's well water was contaminated by numerous known and probable human carcinogens.

Thousands of Navy and Marine veterans and their families who lived on

Camp Lejeune have fallen ill with a variety of cancers and diseases believed to be attributable to their service at the base in the years before the EPA designated the base as a Superfund site in 1988.

A recent National Research Council report on the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune assessed that there are numerous adverse health effects associated with human exposure to the chemicals known to have been in water at Lejeune that was used for drinking and bathing.

Many years have passed while Lejeune veterans and their families have waited for some hope of progress on this issue. Some have died waiting. Today, there is much that we now know that was not known in the past, especially a growing body of scientific information about the adverse effects these chemicals have on the human body.

The Lejeune veterans and their families deserve clarity on the cause of their conditions and closure on this tragic situation. It is vitally important we give those who are sick the benefit of the doubt. If a veteran or military family member was stationed at Camp Lejeune during the time the water was contaminated, they should be able to come in to a VA medical center for needed health care. This bill is a step toward providing the veterans of Lejeune and their loved ones with the respect they deserve. Quite frankly, it is the morally right thing to do.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 36—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY"

Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 36

Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President to a member of the Armed Forces who is wounded in a conflict with an enemy force or is wounded while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war, and is awarded posthumously to the next of kin of a member of the Armed Forces who is killed in a conflict with an enemy force or who dies of wounds received in a conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas observing National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting tribute to