

Whereas insufficient sleep is associated with a number of chronic diseases and conditions, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and depression;

Whereas the average cost of treating severe COPD is 5 times higher than treating mild COPD;

Whereas the appropriate medication and disease management of asthma can reduce health care costs, including hospitalization, emergency room visits, and physician visits, by half;

Whereas the flu vaccine can prevent 60 percent of hospitalizations and 80 percent of deaths from flu-related complications among the elderly;

Whereas advances in medical research have significantly improved the capacity to fight lung disease by providing greater knowledge about its causes, innovative diagnostic tools to detect the disease, and new and improved treatments that help people survive and recover from this disease;

Whereas there is no cure for major lung diseases including asthma, COPD, and lung cancer;

Whereas chronic lung diseases are a leading cause of death and yet the quality of palliative and end-of-life care for patients with chronic lung disease is significantly worse than patients with other terminal illnesses;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health, through its many institutes and centers, through basic, clinical, and translational research, plays a pivotal role in advancing the prevention, detection, treatment, and cure of lung disease;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs is actively engaged in research in respiratory diseases that impact the Nation's veterans;

Whereas the Environmental Protection Agency establishes air quality standard and enforcement programs to ensure the quality of the air we breathe;

Whereas the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, provides essential health insurance benefits for millions of patients with respiratory disorders;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through its many centers and programs, provides valuable prevention and surveillance programs on diseases of the lung;

Whereas an international collaboration of medical professional and scientific societies is working to enhance the general public's understanding of respiratory diseases, their causes, prevention, treatment, and impact respiratory disease play in human health; and

Whereas the initiative, The Year of the Lung, seeks to raise awareness about lung health among the public, initiate action in communities worldwide, and advocate for resources to combat lung disease including resources for research and research training programs worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of the Year of the Lung.

TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO S. RES. 700

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 705, submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 705) providing for a technical correction to S. Res. 700.

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

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 705) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 705

Resolved,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Senate Resolution 700, 111th Congress, agreed to December 10, 2010, is amended in section 3(b)—

- (1) by striking paragraph (1); and
- (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively.

SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 706, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 706) extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 706) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 706

Resolved, That Senate Resolution 105 of the One Hundred First Congress, 1st session (agreed to on April 13, 1989), as amended by Senate Resolution 149 of the One Hundred Third Congress, 1st session (agreed to on October 5, 1993), as further amended by Senate Resolution 75 of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, 1st session (agreed to on March 25, 1999), as further amended by Senate Resolution 383 of the One Hundred Sixth Congress, 2d session (agreed to on October 27, 2000), as further amended by Senate Resolution 355 of the One Hundred Seventh Congress, 2d session (agreed to on November 13, 2002), as further amended by Senate Resolution 480 of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, 2d session (agreed to November 20, 2004), as further amended by Senate Resolution 625 of the One Hundred Ninth Congress, 2d Session (agreed to on December 6, 2006), and as further amended by Senate Resolution 715 of the One Hundred Tenth Congress, 2d session (agreed to November 20, 2008), is further amended in section 4 by striking "2010" and inserting "2012".

HONORING LULA DAVIS

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 707, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 707) honoring Lula Davis.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, every working body needs a strong heart to function. This legislative body, the Senate, is no different. For many years—as long as I have been in the Senate, and that is a while—Lula Davis has been the heart of the Senate.

In 1997, when we elected her as assistant Democratic secretary, she was the first woman to hold that position. Before the 111th Congress, we elected her to be the secretary of the majority—the first African American in that role. Over the last 2 years, she has expertly tackled one of the toughest jobs anywhere in politics.

More importantly, the last 2 years have also seen the debate and passage of some of the most historic legislation in the entire history of the country—laws to protect Americans from health insurance companies, from Wall Street banks, from credit card companies, from tobacco companies, from mortgage fraudsters, from unsafe food, from discrimination, from inequality, and so, so much more.

Any one of these bills by itself would define a session of Congress. We did all of them in just the last 2 years, and we could not have done any of it without Lula Davis's leadership.

Lula has come a long way since her days as a teacher and guidance counselor, and even further from her time in rural Louisiana. She started her Senate career as a legislative aide to her home State Senator, the legendary Russell Long, and went on to serve in almost every position on the floor staff: office assistant, floor assistant, chief floor assistant, assistant secretary, and secretary.

Anyone who has watched the Senate knows it is not always an easy place to understand, and I am an expert on how hard it is to understand it. Anyone who has studied this institution, its idiosyncrasies and intricacies knows it can be extremely baffling. But Lula knows this place inside and out like no one else. She is fluent in the rhythms of the Senate. She knows and respects its complex rules, both formal and informal. Her counsel, as a result, has always been thoughtful and reliable to every one of us.

She is loyal to the Senate and to its Senators, and she respects the traditions that make this body great—which is why, in return, this body has great respect for her and her hard work.

Lula has spent her Senate career behind the scenes not just helping Senators do our jobs but also quietly helping young people, the hungry, and those in need. As tough and hard as Lula must be here on the Senate floor, she has a heart of gold.

She founded and runs a nonprofit called Leadership Cares, which each year helps children in our community provide quality meals to more than 650 families. She has encouraged many of her fellow Senate staffers to join her family and friends and volunteer to help. She has never asked for any recognition for this work or any of her work because that is the kind of person she is. But Lula deserves our praise and thanks for so much more.

Senator LANDRIEU of Louisiana likes to tell a story about how much a part of the Senate Lula really is, how great an institution our outgoing secretary of the majority is. Senator LANDRIEU once asked a group of Senate pages if they had had a chance to meet the Senate leaders. They said: Yes. They had met Lula.

Lula Davis has been the heart of the Senate, and our appreciation for her is heartfelt. I speak for each Senator, Democrats and Republicans.

For me, personally, Lula has been strong, resolute, and very wise. Words cannot describe how I will miss Lula Davis. She has been indispensable and she is irreplaceable.

On behalf of every Senator, I thank Lula for her years of service to our caucus and for her more than 25 years of service to the Senate and the United States of America.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I rise this evening to acknowledge the retirement of Lula Davis, in appreciation of her dedication to the Senate and her many years of service to this institution. Lula has been a force in every legislative effort we have engaged in since my tenure as Republican leader began, and long before that. I have come to respect her deep knowledge of the Senate rules and the important role she has played in advising Democratic Senators over the past 2 years. She is a constant presence on the floor and an important part of Senate life. We congratulate her on her professional success, from her days as a school teacher to her work on the floor of the U.S. Senate, and we wish her every happiness in the years ahead.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois is recognized.

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, before I make a statement on another issue, I join the majority leader in his comments about the retirement of Lula Johnson Davis from the Senate.

Before I came to the Senate, I was a Member of the House of Representatives for 14 years, and I greatly enjoyed that experience. It was certainly an amazing change to come from the House to the Senate, to move from one congressional district to representing the entire State, to move from a 2-year term to a 6-year term, to move from

434 colleagues to 99 fellow colleagues. All of these things took some getting used to, plus the fact that, in the House, you were constricted on the use of time for speeches on the floor, and in the Senate, there is almost no limit. If you want to speak forever, I think the Senate rules will accommodate you.

Those changes all pale in comparison to the single biggest change I ran into here, and that was facing the secretary to the majority, Lula Johnson Davis. I knew that people throughout Capitol Hill on both the House and Senate sides at the staff level were extremely courteous, kind, and helpful. I found that throughout my career in the House, and I certainly found it in the Senate. But the good thing about Lula Davis was that she was respectful of Senators, but not deferential. She would be happy to tell you when she thought you had stepped out of line in what you were wearing, and what you were chewing, and what you might be using your microphone for, your conversations on the floor, and on and on. She did this in a way that first startled me, because I wasn't used to it in the House. There was nobody like Lula in the House of Representatives to keep you in line. She did it, and I came to not only like it but respect it so much, because I knew she was doing it not in any personal way but because of her love for the Senate.

They do a Roll Call survey about the most powerful staffers on Capitol Hill, and they rate them in four ways: know-how, muscle, spin control, and access. Lula always received the highest check marks in every category but one—spin control. That is about right. Lula Davis was never one to mince words in her role as secretary to the majority of the Senate. Tough, fair, insisting on the strict observance of Senate rules and protocols, she reflected love for this institution in all that she did for us.

The National Journal described her as "an internally legendary staffer." That is true. In the 221-year history of the Senate, Lula Davis is only the second woman—and the first African American—ever to hold the position of secretary to the majority.

Her loyalty and devotion to this Senate are unmatched. She was the first one here in the morning and the last one to leave at night.

I know I speak for all Senators from the Democratic side and the Republican side, as well, in saying she is going to be missed. Unlike many, Lula Davis did not move to Washington to get involved in politics. She started her career as a high school teacher and guidance counselor. A friend told Lula about an opening in the office of her home State Senator, Russell Long, of Louisiana. She started her Hill career at the bottom, as a legislative correspondent, answering mail.

When Senator Long retired in 1989, Lula moved to the Democratic floor staff and worked her way up from the lowliest assistant position to become secretary to the majority.

As many hours as Lula devoted to the Senate, it is hard to believe that she had time for anything else. But she founded an organization called LeadershipCares, which tries to guide young people into successful lives by helping others who are less fortunate. Almost every class of pages on the Democratic side would tell a story about Lula, because she became not only their boss but their friend. She taught them a lot about life in their life experience here in the Senate.

I join my colleagues in wishing Lula the very best of luck as she begins the next chapter in life.

Mr. HARKIN. Madam President, although I don't have anything written, I was listening to the leader speak and the whip talk about Lula Davis and all she has done here in the Senate. I, too, wish to pay my respects and give my thanks and my best wishes to Lula Davis as she leaves the Senate.

For 30 years, she has been a loyal, hard-working, passionate advocate for the people of this country in an unelected role—a role that required her to make sure the business of the Senate was conducted. I know of no one who knows the rules and how things work and how things should go better than Lula Davis. At times, she knew everything, it seemed to me. Many times, we would go to her because we would have a bill on the floor and we would have something that would get tied up. I would be managing a bill, and things would get into a big ball of wax sometimes or seem like a big ball of string and you had to figure out how to unwind it. I would always go to Lula Davis and say: OK, how do we get out of this mess? We have an amendment on an amendment and a motion to recommit and all these things piled up. And she always knew how to do it. She always knew how to make sure the place would run.

If you ever needed advice on how to do something or accomplish something, you could go to her. Of course, sometimes she would give you advice you didn't want to hear. Sometimes you wanted to do something, and she had to be the person to say: Well, the rules just won't allow you to do that. So there were times I would get frustrated, and I would say: But I want to do this; this is for the good of the country. And Lula Davis would say: Well, Senator, you are just going to have to find some other way to do it.

So that is just my way to pay respect to a person who devoted so much of her life to this Senate. A lot of times, we find ourselves here late at night, and once in a while, I would think I was the last person to leave, but Lula was always the last person to leave and always the person—if you came in early in the day, she was the first person here. So she has really been such an integral part of the Senate, the Senate floor is going to have a vacancy without her in the future.

So to Lula Davis, I say: Thank you for so many years of friendship and

loyalty and hard work in helping to make the Senate a more efficient, compatible working environment.

I thank Lula Davis, and I wish her the best in her retirement. I hope she doesn't get too far away from the Senate and that she comes back to see us once in a while to help us untangle that ball of string, as I am sure it is bound to become tangled again sometime.

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 707) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 707

Whereas Lula Davis, the Secretary for the Majority, will be retiring at the end of the 111th Congress, after a long and distinguished career;

Whereas Lula Davis was first elected as Assistant Democratic Secretary in 1997, and she was the first woman ever to hold that position;

Whereas Lula Davis was elected to be the Secretary for the Majority at the beginning of the 111th Congress, the first African American to serve in this position, and during the 111th Congress she has expertly tackled one of the toughest jobs in politics;

Whereas throughout her time in the Senate, Lula Davis has played a major role in managing the debate and passage of many significant pieces of legislation;

Whereas many legislative accomplishments over the years would not have happened without the leadership of Lula Davis;

Whereas Lula Davis lived in rural Louisiana, and worked as a teacher and guidance counselor;

Whereas Lula Davis remains committed to children in our community, founding and continuing to run a nonprofit mentoring and charitable organization called "Leadership Cares," which provides holiday meals to more than 650 families annually;

Whereas Lula Davis has encouraged many of her fellow Senate staff to volunteer alongside her family and friends to make a difference for those in need;

Whereas Lula Davis started her Senate career as a legislative aide to her home-state Senator, Russell Long, and went on to serve in almost every position on the floor staff, including office assistant, floor assistant, chief floor assistant, Assistant Secretary, and Secretary;

Whereas Lula Davis is a master of the complex formal and informal rules under which the Senate operates;

Whereas Lula Davis has consistently provided thoughtful and reliable advice to both Democratic and Republican leadership and all members of the Senate;

Whereas Lula Davis is loyal to the Senate and to Senators, and respects the traditions that make this body great;

Whereas the Senate has tremendous respect for Lula Davis and her hard work, and deeply appreciates her enormous contributions to the Senate and to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate expresses its deepest thanks to Lula Davis for her many

years of outstanding service to the United States Senate and to the United States of America.

STAR PRINT—S. 583

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar No. 706, S. 583, reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on December 17, 2010, be star printed with the changes at the desk. An incorrect version of the committee substitute amendment was reported to the Senate.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator BAYH be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Wednesday, December 22, and that Senator LINCOLN be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24.

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

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican leader, in consultation with the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, pursuant to Public Law 111-211, appoints the following individual to be a member of the Indian Law and Order Commission: Affie Ellis of Wyoming.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, after consultation with the chairman of the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107-306, as amended by Public Law 111-259, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: the Honorable MARK R. WARNER of Virginia.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, in consultation with the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the chairman of the

Senate Committee on the Judiciary, pursuant to Public Law 111-211, appoints the following individuals to be members of the Indian Law and Order Commission: Troy Eid of Colorado and Jefferson Keel of Oklahoma.

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 111TH CONGRESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, when we convened this Congress in January 2009, 750,000 Americans were losing their jobs every month. Soon after this Congress began, an auto industry nearly imploded, and within a year an oil well exploded. It was a tough 2 years for our Nation and for so many families. It was also a time of remarkable progress.

When this Congress began, insurance companies were free to deny health care to the sick for any excuse they could come up with. The doughnut hole that sent seniors' prescription drug costs through the roof was wide open. Wall Street firms had just crashed our economy, but they were still free to rip off investors while the Nation smoldered.

Cigarette companies could prey on children, credit card companies could prey on consumers, and con artists could prey on families' mortgages.

Employers were free to pay women less than men, the safety of our food supply was dangerously inadequate, and the definition of a hate crime was shamefully insufficient. Gay men and women who volunteered to defend and die for our country were asked to fight and die for values and principles they didn't have for themselves in America.

More than a year has passed since American inspectors were on the ground to monitor the Russian nuclear weapons arsenal.

We have turned each of these around. Because of what we did in this Congress, we brought the economy back from the brink of collapse, we cut taxes for 95 percent of Americans, we invested in important job-creating projects, and we will keep working until everyone who wants to work can find a job.

Because of what we did, families are safer from health insurance companies. Our economy and its investors are safer from big banks. Consumers are safer from credit card companies, homeowners are safer from mortgage fraud, and all of us are safer from corporate fraud.

Parents can know their children are safer from cigarette companies, thanks to legislation we passed that will save