

**SENATE RESOLUTION 423—COM-MENDING THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLIV AND THE ENTIRE “WHO DAT NATION” FOR THEIR SUPPORT**

Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 423

Whereas on February 7, 2010, at Sun Life Stadium in Miami, Florida, the New Orleans Saints won Super Bowl XLIV, defeating the Indianapolis Colts by a score of 31-17;

Whereas on January 24, 2010, at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, the New Orleans Saints won the National Football Conference Championship, defeating the Minnesota Vikings by a score of 31-28;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints won a franchise-record 13 games during the 2009 National Football League regular season;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints led the National Football League during the 2009 regular season in total offense, with 403.8 yards per game, total scoring, with 31.9 points per game, and defensive touchdowns, with 8 turnovers that were returned for touchdowns;

Whereas New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees led the National Football League during the 2009 regular season in passer rating, with a rating of 109.6, completion percentage, with 70.6 percent of passes completed, and passing touchdowns, with 34 touchdowns thrown, and was also named the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XLIV;

Whereas quarterback Drew Brees, offensive tackle Jonathan Stinchcomb, offensive guard Jahri Evans, center Jonathan Goodwin, linebacker Jonathan Vilma, strong safety Roman Harper, and free safety Darren Sharper were named to the 2010 National Football Conference Pro Bowl team;

Whereas during his tenure with the New Orleans Saints, head coach Sean Payton has led the franchise to 38 regular season wins, 4 playoff wins, 2 National Football Conference championship games, and the first Super Bowl and National Football League Championship victories in the history of the team; and

Whereas the New Orleans Saints are the first professional sports franchise to bring a championship to the City of New Orleans: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the New Orleans Saints for winning Super Bowl XLIV and the entire “Who Dat Nation” for their support;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in the success of the New Orleans Saints during the 2009 football season; and

(3) requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution for appropriate display to the New Orleans Saints.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 424—CONGRATULATING THE BMW ORACLE RACING TEAM FOR WINNING THE THIRTY-THIRD AMERICA’S CUP**

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 424

Whereas the America’s Cup is the oldest active trophy in international sports;

Whereas the United States was represented in the thirty-third America’s Cup by BMW ORACLE Racing;

Whereas the team was led by the owner, founder, and chief executive officer of Oracle Corporation, Larry Ellison, the chief executive officer of the team, Russell Coutts, and the skipper of the team, James Spithill;

Whereas BMW ORACLE Racing represents the Golden Gate Yacht Club located in San Francisco, California;

Whereas the boat of the BMW ORACLE Racing team, USA, is the largest and most technologically advanced boat to ever race for the America’s Cup;

Whereas USA was sourced and built entirely in the United States;

Whereas, on February 12, 2010, the BMW ORACLE Racing team won the first of the America’s Cup races with a 15 minutes, 28 seconds lead over the Swiss Defender, Alinghi;

Whereas, on February 14, 2010, the BMW ORACLE Racing team captured the thirty-third America’s Cup with a 5 minute, 26 second victory over the Swiss Defender, Alinghi, clinching the best of the series with a second victory; and

Whereas BMW ORACLE Racing has represented the United States with high standards, technological prowess, and great skill: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the entire BMW ORACLE Racing team for winning the thirty-third America’s Cup; and

(2) recognizes the BMW ORACLE Racing team, and specifically the founder and owner Larry Ellison, for the technological accomplishments of the team in the international sport of sailing.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 425—CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA ON ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY AND RECOGNIZING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY**

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 425

Whereas Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) has made an extraordinary contribution to alleviating poverty and improving American society since the program began in 1965;

Whereas more than 175,000 individuals of all ages and from different walks of life have answered VISTA’s call to devote a year of full-time service living and working in low-income communities to help eradicate poverty;

Whereas VISTA members have helped create many successful and sustainable community initiatives, including Head Start centers, credit unions, and neighborhood watch groups, with VISTA alumni going on to serve in leadership positions in government, private, and nonprofit sectors throughout the United States;

Whereas VISTA, which became part of AmeriCorps in 1993 and is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, annually engages more than 7,000 members in helping more than 1,000 local organizations build sustainable anti-poverty programs;

Whereas AmeriCorps VISTA members improve the lives of the most vulnerable citi-

zens in our Nation by fighting illiteracy, improving health services, reducing unemployment, increasing housing opportunities, reducing crime and recidivism, and expanding access to technology;

Whereas AmeriCorps VISTA members develop programs, recruit community volunteers, generate resources, manage projects, and enhance the ability of nonprofit organizations to become and remain sustainable, thereby strengthening the nonprofit sector in low-income communities across the United States;

Whereas AmeriCorps VISTA members generate more than \$100,000,000 in cash and in-kind resources annually for organizations throughout the Nation, as well as recruit and manage more than 1,000,000 volunteers who provide 10,000,000 hours of community service for local organizations; and

Whereas AmeriCorps VISTA acted swiftly to help implement the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), engaging more than 3,700 members in distressed communities to provide foreclosure prevention and financial counseling, expand college access, and support health care and independent living services: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the more than 175,000 men and women who have served in VISTA for their dedication and commitment to the fight against poverty;

(2) recognizes VISTA members for leveraging human, financial, and material resources to increase the ability of thousands of low-income areas across the country to address challenges and improve their communities; and

(3) encourages the continued commitment of VISTA members to creating and expanding programs designed to bring individuals and communities out of poverty.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I rise today, to celebrate a remarkable anniversary. This month, Volunteers in Service to America, better known as VISTA, celebrates the 45th anniversary of its founding. I am delighted to have Senator THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi as my cosponsor. Public service is a bipartisan issue.

Forty-five years of bringing people together, lifting communities up, fighting poverty, making America stronger.

Forty-five years of fighting illiteracy, improving health services, reducing unemployment, increasing housing opportunities, reducing crime and recidivism, and expanding access to technology.

Forty-five years of leveraging resources and building capacity while providing thousands of Americans the opportunity to devote a year of full-time service living and working in low-income communities to help eradicate poverty.

VISTA did not invent these ideas; America has a long and rich history of public service. But when John F. Kennedy became president, these enduring values found new life. The person in his new administration who truly pursued that vision with all his might was President Kennedy’s brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver. I will always know him as a hero and a friend.

He created a legacy of programs that promote social equality and human dignity—such as Legal Services, Job

Corps, and yes, VISTA. He was also the driving force behind the creation of the Peace Corps, which is how I originally came to know him.

When we first met in the early 1960s, I was still studying Chinese and interested in Southeast Asia affairs, but my life was quickly transformed after meeting Sargent Shriver.

He understood that one way to improve the world was to start with our own communities—and that if we unite together with a common mission of making our communities stronger, we can make the world a better place.

That was when I became a VISTA volunteer, shortly after the program began. I was lucky enough to come to West Virginia—and that was when my life changed forever. I often say that while I was technically born in New York, I was really born in West Virginia that year.

I truly believe that people are liberated when they get outside of themselves to help others.

When I first came to West Virginia, over 40 years ago, much of my work was with children who didn't have great opportunities in life. I was a VISTA member in Emmons, West Virginia, a small, coal mining community on the Boone-Kanawha County line.

It took me 6 months to finally be accepted by the community. I used to sit on the railroad tracks with the kids, throwing rocks and just talking with them. One day, one of the kids invited me into their home; then the others soon followed.

I had found what I wanted by working with this community—what my gut was telling me was important. I found out a few other things as well. There was not any organization in the community or a general effort to better the living conditions of the area.

Many of the children didn't even go to school because it was several miles to a paved road and the school board wouldn't send a bus to Emmons.

So, we fought for a school bus. We built a small library. We built a park. We started a baseball team. We didn't win a single game, but that wasn't what was important. It was opening up new possibilities for those kids.

My experience was just one of thousands. Since 1965, more than 175,000 Americans of all ages and walks of life have answered VISTA's call. I am proud to count myself as a member of that very special group.

So VISTA's anniversary is also my own. When I look back on VISTA beginnings, I see my own roots—the foundation on which I have built the rest of my life.

I got into politics shortly thereafter. I knew I could not be a VISTA forever, so I ran for the House of Delegates, knowing that was the way I could continue to make change.

I knew there were a thousand Emmons all across Appalachia. But everything that I have done in my career in public office has been grounded in the VISTA experience and in those kids

and families who taught me so much about life.

Today, VISTA, which became part of AmeriCorps in 1993, continues to engage more than 7,000 members in helping more than 1,000 local organizations build sustainable anti-poverty programs every year.

So to them—to VISTA's members, past and present—to its numerous devoted host organizations and communities which give as much to the program as they receive—to my friend and mentor Sargent Shriver—to everyone who carries on VISTA's noble work every day—congratulations and thank you.

Now, watch out. We have only just begun: In these times of enormous economic uncertainty and challenge, our nation needs VISTA's, courage, commitment and service more than ever. Your impact is real. I know without a doubt, from the bottom of my heart that for years to come, VISTA members will continue to transform our communities and our nation—for the better.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to join the distinguished Senator from West Virginia, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, in submitting a resolution to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Volunteers in Service to America, or VISTA, program.

President Kennedy suggested in 1963 a program of national service that would provide assistance to those in need in urban and rural areas. Less than 2 years later, President Johnson launched the "War on Poverty," and included the VISTA program created by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

Incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993, VISTA has been hard at work in the fight against poverty for 45 years. Today, the VISTA program is stronger than ever, placing 6,500 full-time volunteers at 1,200 nonprofit organizations and public agencies each year. These volunteers are committed to serving the needs of the poorest Americans at numerous program sites, and they are to be commended for their unselfish contributions to helping others.

I am proud to say that there are 87 VISTA volunteers at 21 program sites in my home State of Mississippi. I understand the sacrifices that are being made by these young men and women and the important impact that these volunteers have made in our communities.

I am pleased to congratulate VISTA on 45 years of distinguished service to our country.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 50—RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC FOUNDING OF THE BLACK STUNTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE COALITION OF BLACK STUNTSMEN AND WOMEN

Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following concurrent resolu-

tion; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 50

Whereas a group of African-American stuntmen, athletes, and extras founded the Black Stuntmen's Association in Los Angeles, California, in 1967 to combat racial discrimination and create equal opportunities for all people of color in the motion picture and television stunt industry;

Whereas the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women was formed in 1973 to continue the fight against racial bias in the industry;

Whereas motion picture and television productions at the time commonly featured White stuntmen and women as stunt doubles for African-American actors and those of other races, using makeup to darken their complexion in a process known as a "paint-down";

Whereas African-Americans were routinely denied job opportunities and formal training in the stunt industry due to lingering racism;

Whereas the increased use of African-American actors in motion pictures and television in the 1960s brought more attention to the common industry practice of using only White stuntmen and women;

Whereas the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women pursued legal action to bring additional diversity to the motion picture and television industry and continued to monitor compliance with the resulting agreements;

Whereas the original members of the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women paved the way for greater racial equality in the motion picture and television industry in the ensuing years, but in many cases were unable to benefit from their hard-won victory;

Whereas the efforts of the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women also helped tear down discriminatory barriers and prejudices in other parts of the motion picture and television industry, both in front of and behind the camera; and

Whereas members of the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women have made a significant and lasting contribution to the quality of motion picture and television productions in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—*

(1) recognizes the historic founding of the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women, and

(2) honors the contributions of these organizations and their members in the fight for racial equality and justice in the motion picture and television industry.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge a group that has created opportunities for countless African American men and women in the film and television industry. I rise to submit this Senate Concurrent Resolution honoring the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women for their efforts to not only integrate, but enhance the television and film industry. This is a companion resolution identical to H. Con. Res. 190 submitted by my good friend, Congresswoman SHELLEY BERKLEY.

I take great pride in submitting this resolution not only because these individuals knocked down the walls of racial discrimination, but also because many of these pioneers now reside in my home State of Nevada.