

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States Trade Representative, in consultation with other appropriate Federal agencies and interested stakeholders, should establish and articulate a strategy for initiating negotiations for a free trade agreement between the United States and ASEAN; and

(2) at the time of free trade agreement negotiations, any pending bilateral issues between the United States and Burma, including economic sanctions, investment prohibition, travel restrictions or otherwise, should not deter the United States from engaging with other ASEAN nations regarding a potential free trade agreement, nor should the United States encourage trade with Burma, absent significant reforms within that country.

SENATE RESOLUTION 219—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 12, 2011, AS “NATIONAL CELIAC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 219

Whereas celiac disease affects approximately 1 in every 130 people in the United States, for a total of 3,000,000 people;

Whereas the majority of people with celiac disease have yet to be diagnosed;

Whereas celiac disease is a chronic inflammatory disorder that is classified as both an autoimmune condition and a genetic condition;

Whereas celiac disease causes damage to the lining of the small intestine, which results in overall malnutrition;

Whereas when a person with celiac disease consumes foods that contain certain protein fractions, that person suffers a cell-mediated immune response that damages the villi of the small intestine, interfering with the absorption of nutrients in food and the effectiveness of medications;

Whereas such problematic protein fractions are found in wheat, barley, rye, and oats, which are used to produce many foods, medications, and vitamins;

Whereas because celiac disease is a genetic disease, there is an increased incidence of celiac disease in families with a known history of celiac disease;

Whereas celiac disease is underdiagnosed because the symptoms can be attributed to other conditions and are easily overlooked by doctors and patients;

Whereas as recently as 2000, the average person with celiac disease waited 11 years for a correct diagnosis;

Whereas ½ of all people with celiac disease do not show symptoms of the disease;

Whereas celiac disease is diagnosed by tests that measure the blood for abnormally high levels of the antibodies of immunoglobulin A, anti-tissue transglutaminase, and IgA anti-endomysium antibodies;

Whereas celiac disease can be treated only by implementing a diet free of wheat, barley, rye, and oats, often called a “gluten-free diet”;

Whereas a delay in the diagnosis of celiac disease can result in damage to the small intestine, which leads to an increased risk for malnutrition, anemia, lymphoma, adenocarcinoma, osteoporosis, miscarriage, congenital malformation, short stature, and disorders of the skin and other organs;

Whereas celiac disease is linked to many autoimmune disorders, including thyroid

disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, type 1 diabetes, liver disease, collagen vascular disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and Sjogren's syndrome;

Whereas the connection between celiac disease and diet was first established by Dr. Samuel Gee, who wrote, “if the patient can be cured at all, it must be by means of diet”;

Whereas Dr. Samuel Gee was born on September 13, 1839; and

Whereas the Senate is an institution that can raise awareness in the general public and the medical community of celiac disease: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 13, 2011, as “National Celiac Disease Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes that all people of the United States should become more informed and aware of celiac disease;

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Celiac Disease Awareness Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Celiac Sprue Association, the American Celiac Society, and the Celiac Disease Foundation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 220—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE JUNE 30, 2011, OPENING OF THE TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. REED of Nevada) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 220

Whereas the late Congressman Tom Lantos was a champion of human and minority rights in Europe and around the world;

Whereas Congressman Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor to be elected to the United States Congress, was a leading voice on human rights and founding co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, now known as the Tom Lantos Human Rights Caucus;

Whereas Congressman Lantos always remained a proud Hungarian-American and an active promoter of strong cooperation between the country of his birth and the United States;

Whereas Congressman Lantos was a tireless advocate for tolerance and moderation, virtues embodied in the stated mission of the Tom Lantos Institute in Budapest;

Whereas the Tom Lantos Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan, and independent organization supported by the Government of Hungary and dedicated to the goal of promoting human and minority rights in Central and Eastern Europe;

Whereas educational programs on human and minority rights will lay the foundation for a more sustainable and inclusive peace; and

Whereas a strong transatlantic partnership is in the mutual interests of the United States and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to recognize and applaud the opening of the Tom Lantos Institute;

(2) to acknowledge the Government of Hungary for honoring the legacy of Congressman Lantos through its contributions to the Institute;

(3) to express support for the principles of the Institute, including democracy, pluralism, and human and minority rights;

(4) to express support for the education of present and future generations in Central and Eastern Europe, which will contribute to regional cooperation, historical reconciliation, and tolerance throughout the Euro-Atlantic region; and

(5) to encourage the people and the governments of the United States and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to continue to deepen and broaden their relations.

SENATE RESOLUTION 221—CONGRATULATING KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC., ON REACHING THE HISTORIC MILESTONE OF 100 YEARS OF SERVING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES, MAINTAINING A COMMITMENT TO THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND, AND ENRICHING THE LIVES OF COLLEGIATE MEN THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. HAGAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. CANTWELL,) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 221

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, by Elder Watson Diggs, John Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds;

Whereas the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi were God-fearing, high-achieving, serious-minded young men who possessed the imagination, ambition, courage, and determination to defy custom and cultural challenges in pursuit of college educations and careers during a period in United States history in which such opportunities were not broadly available to African-Americans;

Whereas since its founding Kappa Alpha Psi has stressed high ideals and the importance of achievement in every field of human endeavor by instilling in African-American youth the noble aspiration of serving others and by training its members to positively influence their communities and society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi membership has grown to include more than 150,000 college-educated men, with undergraduate chapters located on more than 360 college and university campuses and with alumni chapters located in more than 340 cities in the United States and in 5 foreign countries;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi hosts a biennial Undergraduate Leadership Institute, a comprehensive training- and skills-enhancement program for the top student leaders of Kappa Alpha Psi, to inspire them to become positive role models and to serve the good of society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with Habitat for Humanity and assists in building homes for local families in conjunction with each of its biennial national conventions;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, based in Memphis, Tennessee, and, with the help of local communities and churches, has raised more than \$1,000,000 for the continuation of the mission of that hospital;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi designated St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the primary benefactor of its national fundraising efforts;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors Kappas on Capitol Hill, a 4-day conference in Washington, District of Columbia, that seeks to increase member awareness of the political process through workshops, seminars, and lectures, and that seeks to inform its members of the importance of the political process in bettering society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi emphasizes financial literacy in its community-based outreach by partnering with the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council to implement 2 major programs, Credit Abuse Resistance Education and Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi, through its Kappa League and National Guide Right programs, matches thousands of at-risk youths throughout the United States with role models and mentors that encourage the youths to positively contribute to and become leaders in their communities;

Whereas, since 1990, the Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa Scholarship Fund has provided scholarship grants to more than 10,000 high school graduates to assist in furthering their education and has encouraged its undergraduate and alumni chapters to support similar endeavors to broaden the ability of economically disadvantaged youth to aspire to obtain a college education;

Whereas the oldest formal program of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Holiday Food Drive, provides food, clothing, and toys to thousands of low income individuals in many metropolitan and rural communities throughout the United States;

Whereas the national theme of Kappa Alpha Psi, "One Kappa, Creating Inspiration: A Call to Service", has mobilized Kappa Alpha Psi members across the United States who are leaders in business, education, government, the humanities, arts and entertainment, science, and medicine to become better servant leaders for their families and communities, the United States, and the fraternity at large;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Urban League;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi supports the National Education Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will hold its Centennial Celebration at its 80th Grand Chapter Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 5, 2011, through July 10, 2011: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on 100 years of serving local communities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222—RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CENTER FOR ITS ROLE IN TELLING THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE CONTINUING IMPACT ON STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM, SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND THE RULE OF LAW THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND ENCOURAGING THE CENTER IN ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mr. CASEY submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 222

Whereas the American Revolution secured the independence of the United States of America, and made possible a vibrant system of self-government based on liberty and equality;

Whereas the history and ideas of the American Revolution have sustained the Nation through its moments of greatest peril and inspired many of the greatest achievements;

Whereas the American Revolution Center (in this resolution referred to as the "Center") is the steward of a nationally significant collection of artifacts, manuscripts, and artwork from the period of the American Revolution;

Whereas the Center is actively working to be a "connector" to other American Revolution organizations and sites through its website and with collaborative programming;

Whereas the Center has committed itself to the establishment of a new "Museum of the American Revolution" that is to be built in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, just steps from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter's Hall, and Christ Church;

Whereas the Museum of the American Revolution will be built in one of our Nation's most historic neighborhoods, visited by many millions of people from around the world each year;

Whereas the Museum of the American Revolution will tell the entire story of the American Revolution, providing a context for heritage tourists as they travel to other Revolutionary-era sites in Philadelphia and throughout the United States; and

Whereas the Center and the proposed Museum of the American Revolution will provide future generations with both a physical and a virtual venue to learn the story of the American Revolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the contribution of the American Revolution Center to the preservation of the story of the founding of the United States; and

(2) expresses support for the Center's efforts to establish an appropriate museum to tell such story to future generations.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 521. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent.

SA 522. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN to the resolution S. Res. 116, supra.

SA 523. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 116, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 521. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; as follows:

At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

SEC. —. PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS RESOLUTION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Preventing Duplicative and Overlapping Government Programs Resolution".

(b) REPORTED LEGISLATION.—Paragraph 11 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (c), by striking "and (b)" and inserting "(b), and (c)";

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (c) and subparagraph (d); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following:

"(c) The report accompanying each bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by any committee (including the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget) shall contain—

"(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution creates any new Federal program, office, or initiative that would duplicate or overlap any existing Federal program, office, or initiative with similar mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Federal program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives; and

"(2) an explanation provided by the committee as to why the creation of each new program, office, or initiative is necessary if a similar program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives already exist."

(c) SENATE.—Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to proceed to any bill or joint resolution unless the committee of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on the committee website an overlapping and duplicative programs analysis and explanation for the bill or joint resolution as described in subparagraph (b) prior to proceeding.

"(b) The analysis and explanation required by this subparagraph shall contain—

"(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution creates any new Federal program, office, or initiative that would duplicate or overlap any existing Federal program, office, or initiative with similar mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Federal program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives; and

"(2) an explanation provided by the committee as to why the creation of each new program, office, or initiative is necessary if a similar program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives already exist."