

Whereas William F. Hildenbrand's clear understanding and appreciation of the challenges facing the Nation has left his mark on those many areas of public life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of William F. Hildenbrand.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of William F. Hildenbrand.

DESIGNATING 2011 AS "THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY CAREGIVER"

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 235, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 235) designating 2011 as "The Year of the Family Caregiver."

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

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today in support of this resolution recognizing 2011 as the 11-year anniversary of the National Family Caregiver Support Program and declaring 2011 The Year of the Family Caregiver. This year, caregivers across the country and the Administration on Aging are celebrating family caregivers and working to improve the support family caregivers receive.

Today's resolution recognizes the 65 million Americans who serve as family caregivers for their family members, friends, and other loved ones living with a disability, chronic illness, or other condition associated with old age. Family caregivers are the backbone of our Nation's long-term care system, accounting for 80 percent of all long-term services provided in the United States. They provide high-quality services that improve the lives of the people they care for and benefit our society.

I created the National Family Caregiver Support Program in 2000 to strengthen the Older Americans Act so it may meet the day-to-day needs of our older Americans and their caregivers. The program is a partnership between States and Area Agencies on Aging. The National Family Caregiver Support Program provides counseling, training, respite care, adult daycare, and other support services to 600,000 caregivers so that families can get the resources they need to care for their loved one. The program helps American families take care of older parents while raising children of their own and pursuing a career. It also helps grandparents who are taking care of grandchildren. The National Family Caregiver Support Program helps families provide care longer and delays the need for costly nursing home care.

Family caregiving continues to place a lot of stress on families in terms of time, energy, and finances, but American families are up to this challenge. I ask my colleagues today to join me in applauding the work of family caregivers and those who support them every day.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 235) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 235

Whereas there are more than 65,000,000 people in the United States serving as family caregivers for a family member or friend with a disability, chronic illness, or the frailties associated with old age;

Whereas family caregivers in the United States are family, friends, partners, and neighbors who choose to provide care out of feelings of love or a sense of duty;

Whereas family caregivers deal with significant medical and psycho-social issues that require complex care management and coordination with numerous medical providers;

Whereas family caregivers provide 80 percent of all long-term care services in the United States;

Whereas despite the physical, psychological, and financial hardship that caregivers endure, these individuals provide high-quality services that bring countless benefits to their care recipients and to society; and

Whereas the people of the United States should acknowledge the vital role of family caregivers, enable such caregivers to live healthier, less stressful lives, and enhance the ability of family caregivers to improve the health and well-being of those that they care for: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the year 2011 as the 11-year anniversary of the National Family Caregiver Support Program;

(2) applauds the Administration on Aging and national and community based organizations that support family caregivers;

(3) applauds the family, friends, partners, and neighbors who provide long-term care services; and

(4) designates 2011 as "The Year of the Family Caregiver".

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2011 AS "NATIONAL SPINAL CORD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 236, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 236) designating September 2011 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month."

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 236) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 236

Whereas the estimated 1,275,000 people in the United States who live with a spinal cord injury cost society billions of dollars in health care costs and lost wages;

Whereas an estimated 100,000 of those individuals living with a spinal cord injury are veterans who suffered the spinal cord injury while serving as members of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas accidents are the leading cause of spinal cord injuries;

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the second leading cause of spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries;

Whereas 70 percent of all spinal cord injuries that occur in children under the age of 18 are a result of motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas every 48 seconds a person will become paralyzed, underscoring the urgent need to develop new neuroprotection, pharmacological, and regeneration treatments to reduce, prevent, and reverse paralysis; and

Whereas increased education and investment in research are key factors in improving outcomes for victims of spinal cord injuries, improving the quality of life of victims, and ultimately curing paralysis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2011 as Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month;

(3) continues to support research to find better treatments, therapies, and a cure for paralysis;

(4) supports clinical trials for new therapies that offer promise and hope to those persons living with paralysis; and

(5) commends the dedication of local, regional, and national organizations, researchers, doctors, volunteers, and people across the United States that are working to improve the quality of life of persons living with paralysis and their families.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2553

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 2553 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2553) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask for a second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. on Friday, July 22; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2560, the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act, with the time until 10 o'clock a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; further, that at 10 o'clock a.m., the majority leader be recognized.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I am advised to inform the Senate that tomorrow morning the majority leader will make a motion to table the motion to proceed to H.R. 2560. Therefore, Senators should expect a rollcall vote at approximately 10 o'clock a.m. To accommodate Senators on both sides, this vote will be longer than usual.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the provisions of S. Res. 234, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late William F.

Hildenbrand, former Secretary of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:13 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 22, 2011, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ROSLYN ANN MAZER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE RICHARD L. SKINNER, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

MAUREEN K. OHLHAUSEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, VICE WILLIAM E. KOVACIC, TERM EXPIRING.