

with regional partners to implement these efforts effectively;

(4) urges the President to take all necessary precautions to ensure that any support for the Syrian opposition does not benefit individuals in Syria who are aligned with al Qaeda or associated movements, or who have committed human rights abuses;

(5) affirms that the establishment of safe havens for people from Syria, as contemplated by governments in the Middle East, would be an important step to save Syrian lives and to help bring an end to Mr. Assad's killing of civilians in Syria, and calls on the President to consult urgently and thoroughly with regional allies on whether, how, and where to create such safe havens;

(6) urges the President, as part of an international effort to hold senior officials in Syria accountable for mass atrocities—

(A) to gather information about such mass atrocities, including gross human rights violations, use of force against civilians, torture, extrajudicial killings, arbitrary executions, sexual violence, and interference with access to medical treatment; and

(B) to continue to take actions to ensure that senior officials in the Government of Syria and other individuals responsible for mass atrocities in Syria are held accountable, including by using the authority provided under Executive Order 13572 and Executive Order 13573 to designate additional individuals;

(7) urges the Atrocities Prevention Board, once it is formally constituted by the President as called for in Presidential Study Directive-10, to provide recommendations concerning measures to prevent continued mass atrocities in Syria; and

(8) commends the establishment of the "Friends of the Syrian People" Contact Group and other international diplomatic efforts to end the violence and support a peaceful transition to democracy in Syria, and reaffirms the necessity of the departure from power of Bashar al-Assad.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 425—DESIGNATING APRIL 23, 2012, AS "NATIONAL ADOPT A LIBRARY DAY"

Mr. WEBB (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 425

Whereas libraries are an essential part of the communities and the national system of education in the United States;

Whereas the people of the United States benefit significantly from libraries that serve as an open place for people of all ages and backgrounds to use books and other resources that offer pathways to learning, self-discovery, and the pursuit of knowledge;

Whereas libraries in the United States depend on the generous donations and support of individuals and groups to ensure that people who are unable to purchase books still have access to a wide variety of resources;

Whereas certain nonprofit organizations facilitate the donation of books to schools and libraries across the United States to extend the joy of reading to millions of people of the United States and to prevent used books from being thrown away;

Whereas libraries in the United States have provided valuable resources to individuals who are affected by the economic crisis by encouraging continued education and job training;

Whereas libraries are increasingly being used as a resource for those seeking the tools

and information to enter or reenter the workforce; and

Whereas several States that recognize the importance of libraries and reading have adopted resolutions commemorating April 23 as "Adopt a Library Day": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 23, 2012, as "National Adopt a Library Day";

(2) honors the organizations that facilitate donations to schools and libraries;

(3) urges all people of the United States who own unused books to donate the books to local libraries;

(4) strongly supports children and families who take advantage of the resources provided by schools and libraries; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States to observe "National Adopt A Library Day" with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 426—CONGRATULATING THE LADY BEARS OF BAYLOR UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE 2012 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 426

Whereas the Baylor University women's basketball team, the Lady Bears, won its second National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship by defeating the University of Notre Dame by a score of 80 to 61, becoming the only team in men's and women's college basketball to finish the season with a perfect undefeated record of 40-0;

Whereas the Lady Bears' 2011-2012 season marked only the 7th undefeated season in the history of Division I women's college basketball;

Whereas Coach Kim Mulkey is the only woman in women's basketball history to have played on and coached a national championship team;

Whereas Coach Mulkey brought the Lady Bears its 2d national championship since 2005, with a starting lineup that included Brittney Griner, Destiny Williams, Odyssey Sims, Kimetria Hayden, and Jordan Madden;

Whereas All-American junior Brittney Griner led the Lady Bears to victory with 26 points, 13 rebounds, and 5 blocks in a dominating performance over the University of Notre Dame and finished the 2011-2012 season with more than 920 points;

Whereas the members of the Lady Bears basketball team should all be commended for their teamwork, dedication, and athletic prowess;

Whereas Baylor University as 2011-2012 women's basketball national champions, has continued to demonstrate excellence in both athletics and academics;

Whereas the Lady Bears basketball team has significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball by demonstrating character and sportsmanship;

Whereas the Lady Bears overcame significant adversity and competition by defying expectations to finish the season with a dominating performance in the final title game and a perfect undefeated record of 40-0;

Whereas the accomplishments of the Lady Bears are another testament to the strength and will of women across the State of Texas; and

Whereas the Lady Bears basketball team is the pride of its loyal fans, current and former students, and the Lone Star State: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship and completing the 2011-2012 season with an undefeated record of 40 wins and 0 losses.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2033. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2034. Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2035. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2036. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2037. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2038. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2039. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2040. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2041. Mr. MANCHIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2042. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEAHY, and Mrs. McCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2043. Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. McCASKILL, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2044. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2045. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2046. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2047. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. BLUNT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2048. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2049. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2050. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2051. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2056. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2057. Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2058. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2059. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2060. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2061. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2062. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2063. Mrs. MCCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2064. Mrs. MCCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2065. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2066. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2067. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2068. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2069. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2070. Mr. ALEXANDER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2071. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2072. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2073. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2074. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2075. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2076. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2033.** Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

#### TITLE V—COMMISSION ON POSTAL REORGANIZATION

##### SEC. 501. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Commission on Postal Reorganization Act” or the “CPR Act”.

##### SEC. 502. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this title—

(1) the term “Postal Service” means the United States Postal Service;

(2) the term “postal retail facility” means a post office, post office branch, post office classified station, or other facility which is operated by the Postal Service, and the primary function of which is to provide retail postal services;

(3) the term “mail processing facility” means a processing and distribution center, processing and distribution facility, network distribution center, or other facility which is operated by the Postal Service, and the primary function of which is to sort and process mail;

(4) the term “district office” means the central office of an administrative field unit with responsibility for postal operations in a designated geographic area (as defined under regulations, directives, or other guidance of the Postal Service, as in effect on June 23, 2011);

(5) the term “area office” means the central office of an administrative field unit with responsibility for postal operations in a designated geographic area which is comprised of designated geographic areas as referred to in paragraph (4); and

(6) the term “baseline year” means the fiscal year last ending before the date of the enactment of this Act.

##### SEC. 503. COMMISSION ON POSTAL REORGANIZATION.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, an independent

commission to be known as the “Commission on Postal Reorganization” (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Commission”).

(b) DUTIES.—The Commission shall carry out the duties specified for it in this title.

##### (c) MEMBERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be composed of 5 members who shall be appointed by the President, and of whom—

(A) 1 shall be appointed from among individuals recommended by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(B) 1 shall be appointed from among individuals recommended by the majority leader of the Senate;

(C) 1 shall be appointed from among individuals recommended by the minority leader of the House of Representatives;

(D) 1 shall be appointed from among individuals recommended by the minority leader of the Senate; and

(E) 1 shall be appointed from among individuals recommended by the Comptroller General.

##### (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Commission shall be chosen to represent the public interest generally, and shall not be representatives of specific interests using the Postal Service.

(B) INELIGIBILITY.—An individual may not be appointed to serve as a member of the Commission if such individual served as an employee of the Postal Service or the Postal Regulatory Commission, or of a labor organization representing employees of the Postal Service or the Postal Regulatory Commission, during the 3-year period ending on the date of such appointment.

(3) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 3 members of the Commission may be of the same political party.

(d) TERMS.—Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for the life of the Commission and may be removed only for cause.

(e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(f) CHAIRMAN.—The President shall, at the time of making appointments under subsection (c), designate one of the members to serve as chairman of the Commission.

##### (g) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

##### (1) COMPENSATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each member of the Commission shall be paid at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of \$40,000 per year for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission.

(B) EXCEPTION.—Any member of the Commission who is a full-time officer or employee of the United States may not receive additional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of such member's service on the Commission.

(2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions of subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code.

(h) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the Commission. The Director shall be paid at the rate of basic pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code. An appointment under this subsection shall be subject to the requirements of subsection (c)(2).

(i) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.—With the approval of the Commission, the Director may appoint and fix the pay of such additional personnel as the Director considers appropriate. Such additional personnel may be appointed without regard to the provisions of