

Whereas Ambassador Stevens—

(1) was a courageous and exemplary representative of the United States;

(2) had spent 21 years in the Foreign Service;

(3) was deeply passionate about representing the United States through his diplomatic service; and

(4) was an ardent friend of the Libyan people;

Whereas Ambassador Stevens served as Special Envoy to the Libyan Transitional National Council in Benghazi during the 2011 Libyan revolution;

Whereas Ambassador Stevens was a dear friend of the Senate, having served on the staff of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in 2006 and 2007 as a distinguished Pearson Fellow;

Whereas Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith—

(1) was a husband and a father of 2 children;

(2) joined the Department of State 10 years ago; and

(3) had served in the Foreign Service, before arriving in Benghazi, in Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal, and The Hague;

Whereas the 2 other individuals from Ambassador Stevens' team who perished in the attack made great sacrifices and showed bravery in taking on a difficult post in Libya;

Whereas the violence in Benghazi coincided with an attack on the United States Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, which was also swarmed by an angry mob of protesters on September 11, 2012;

Whereas on a daily basis, United States diplomats, military personnel, and other public servants risk their lives to serve the American people; and

Whereas throughout this Nation's history, thousands of Americans have sacrificed their lives for the ideals of freedom, democracy, and partnership with nations and people around the globe.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the dedicated service and deep commitment of the 4 American public servants, including Ambassador John Christopher Stevens and Sean Smith, in assisting the Libyan people as they navigate the complex currents of democratic transition marked in this case by profound instability;

(2) praises Ambassador Stevens, who represented the highest tradition of American public service, for his extraordinary record of dedication to the United States' interests in some of the most difficult and dangerous posts around the globe;

(3) sends its deepest condolences to the families of those American public servants killed in Benghazi;

(4) commends the bravery of Foreign Service Officers, United States Armed Forces, and public servants serving in harm's way around the globe and recognizes the deep sacrifices made by their families; and

(5) condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the despicable attacks on American diplomats and public servants in Benghazi and calls for the perpetrators of such attacks to be brought to justice.

SENATE RESOLUTION 552—RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012 AS “NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH”

Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 552

Whereas the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Elementary School Principals have declared the month of October 2012 to be “National Principals Month”;

Whereas principals are educational visionaries, instructional and assessment leaders, disciplinarians, community builders, budget analysts, facilities managers, and administrators of legal and contractual obligations;

Whereas principals work collaboratively with teachers and parents to develop and implement a clear mission, high curriculum standards, and performance goals;

Whereas principals create school environments that facilitate great teaching and learning and continuous school improvement;

Whereas the vision, actions, and dedication of principals provide the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

Whereas the celebration of National Principals Month would honor elementary school, middle school, and high school principals, and recognize the importance of principals in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the month of October 2012 as “National Principals Month”; and

(2) honors the contribution of principals in the elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools of the United States by supporting the goals and ideals of National Principals Month.

SENATE RESOLUTION 553—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 22, 2012, AS “NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY” TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE THE PREVENTION OF FALLS AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 553

Whereas older adults, 65 years of age and older, are the fastest-growing segment of the population in the United States, and the number of older adults in the United States will increase from 35,000,000 in 2000 to 72,100,000 in 2030;

Whereas 1 out of 3 older adults in the United States falls each year;

Whereas falls are the leading cause of injury, death, and hospital admissions for traumatic injuries among older adults;

Whereas, in 2010, approximately 2,300,000 older adults were treated in hospital emergency departments for fall-related injuries, and more than 650,000 were subsequently hospitalized;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2008, more than 20,000 older adults died from injuries related to unintentional falls;

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the total cost of fall-related injuries for older adults is \$80,900,000,000, including more than \$28,300,000,000 in direct medical costs;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that if the rate of increase in falls is not slowed, the annual cost under the Medicare program will reach \$59,600,000,000 by 2020; and

Whereas evidence-based programs show promise in reducing falls and facilitating cost-effective interventions, such as com-

prehensive clinical assessments, exercise programs to improve balance and health, management of medications, correction of vision, and reduction of home hazards: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 22, 2012, as “National Falls Prevention Awareness Day”;

(2) commends the Falls Free Coalition and the falls prevention coalitions in 43 States and the District of Columbia for their efforts to work together to increase education and awareness about the prevention of falls among older adults;

(3) encourages businesses, individuals, Federal, State, and local governments, the public health community, and health care providers to work together to promote the awareness of falls in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults in the United States;

(4) urges the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue developing and evaluating strategies to prevent falls among older adults that will translate into effective fall prevention interventions, including community-based programs;

(5) encourages State health departments, which provide significant leadership in reducing injuries and injury-related health care costs by collaborating with colleagues and a variety of organizations and individuals, to reduce falls among older adults; and

(6) recognizes proven, cost-effective falls prevention programs and policies and encourages experts in the field to share their best practices so that their success can be replicated by others.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2790. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2791. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2792. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2793. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2794. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2795. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2796. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2797. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2798. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2799. Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2800. Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2801. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2802. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2803. Mr. BROWN, of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2804. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2805. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2806. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2807. Mr. BROWN, of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2808. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2789 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2809. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2808 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2789 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2810. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2811. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2810 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2812. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2813. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2814. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2813 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2812 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, *supra*.

SA 2815. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2816. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2790. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ VICTORY FOR VETERANS STAMP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title 39, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the following:

“§ 414a. Victory for Veterans stamp

“(a) In order to provide members of the public an opportunity to honor their vet-

erans by supporting veterans’ employment programs, to reduce the deficit, and to preserve the vital role of the United States Postal Service, the Postal Service shall issue a special stamp (referred to in this section as the ‘Victory for Veterans Stamp’) in accordance with the provisions of this section.

“(b) The Victory for Veterans Stamp—

“(1) shall not be valid for purposes of postage; and

“(2) shall be offered at a cost equal to 25 cents.

“(c)(1) The amounts becoming available from the sale of the Victory for Veterans Stamp shall be used as follows:

“(A) One-third of such amounts shall be transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of funding vocational rehabilitation programs for veterans under chapter 31 of title 38.

“(B) One-third of such amounts shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury for purposes of deficit reduction.

“(C) One-third of such amounts shall be used by the Postal Service to satisfy obligations incurred under section 2005.

“(2) Amounts transferred under this subsection to an agency under paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B) shall be made under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with such agency establish in order to carry out the purposes of this section.

“(3) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts becoming available from the sale of the Victory for Veterans Stamp’ means—

“(A) the total amounts received by the Postal Service that it would not have received but for the enactment of this section, reduced by

“(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out this section, including those attributable to the printing, sale, and distribution of the Victory for Veterans Stamp under this section, as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that it shall prescribe.

“(d) Amounts transferred under subsection (c)(1)(A) to the Department of Veterans Affairs shall not be taken into account in any decision relating to the level of appropriations or other Federal funding to be furnished in any year to the Department.

“(e) The Victory for Veterans Stamp shall be made available to the public beginning on such date as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in no event later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section.

“(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each report rendered under section 2402 information concerning the operation of this section.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for title 39, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 414 the following:

“414a. Victory for Veterans stamp.”.

SA 2791. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ VETERANS EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end of subchapter II the following new section:

“§ 3697B. Veterans education outreach program

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide funding for offices of veterans affairs at

institutions of higher learning, as defined in section 3452(f), in accordance with this section.

“(b) PAYMENTS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—(1)(A) The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, make payments to any institution of higher learning, under and in accordance with this section, during any fiscal year if the number of persons eligible for services from offices assisted under this section at the institution is at least 50, determined in the same manner as the number of eligible veterans or eligible persons is determined under section 3684(c) of this title.

“(B) The persons who are eligible for services from the offices assisted under this section are persons receiving educational assistance administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including assistance provided under chapter 1606 of title 10.

“(2) To be eligible for a payment under this section, an institution of higher learning or a consortium of institutions of higher learning, as described in paragraph (3), shall submit an application to the Secretary. The application shall—

“(A) set forth such policies, assurances, and procedures that will ensure that—

“(i) the funds received by the institution, or each institution in a consortium of institutions described in paragraph (3), under this section will be used solely to carry out this section;

“(ii) for enhancing the functions of its veterans education outreach program, the applicant will expend, during the academic year for which a payment is sought, an amount equal to at least the amount of the award under this section from sources other than this or any other Federal program; and

“(iii) the applicant will submit to the Secretary such reports as the Secretary may require or as are required by this section;

“(B) contain such other statement of policies, assurances, and procedures as the Secretary may require in order to protect the financial interests of the United States;

“(C) set forth such plans, policies, assurances, and procedures as will ensure that the applicant will maintain an office of veterans’ affairs which has responsibility for—

“(i) veterans’ certification, outreach, recruitment, and special education programs, including the provision of or referral to educational, vocational, and personal counseling for veterans; and

“(ii) providing information regarding other services provided veterans by the Department, including the readjustment counseling program authorized under section 1712A of this title and the programs carried out under chapters 41 and 42 of this title; and

“(D) be submitted at such time or times, in such manner, in such form, and contain such information as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the functions of the Secretary under this section.

“(3) An institution of higher learning which is eligible for funding under this section and which the Secretary determines cannot feasibly carry out, by itself, any or all of the activities set forth in paragraph (2)(C), may carry out such program or programs through a consortium agreement with one or more other institutions of higher learning in the same community.

“(4) The Secretary shall not approve an application under this subsection unless the Secretary determines that the applicant will implement the requirements of paragraph (2)(C) within the first academic year during which it receives a payment under this section.

“(c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—(1)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the amount of the payment which any institution shall receive under this section for any fiscal year shall be