

the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7911. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0332)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7912. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0336)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7913. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1418)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7914. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Various Restricted Category Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0739)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7915. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2010-0480)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7916. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0414)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7917. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Glasflügel Gliders" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0046)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7918. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2011-1322)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Of-

fice of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7919. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0607)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7920. A communication from the Senior Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; HPH s.r.o. Sailplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0598)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 27, 2012; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of September 22, 2012, the following reports of committees were submitted on November 2, 2012:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1998. A bill to obtain an unqualified audit opinion, and improve financial accountability and management at the Department of Homeland Security (Rept. No. 112-230).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2215. A bill to create jobs in the United States by increasing United States exports to Africa by at least 200 percent in real dollar value within 10 years, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-231).

S. 2318. A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-232).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 3310. A bill to direct the President, in consultation with the Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Millennium Challenge Corporation, and the Department of Defense, to establish guidelines for United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-233).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 3331. A bill to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-234).

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1268. A bill to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government by pro-

viding for greater interagency experience among national security and homeland security personnel through the development of a national security and homeland security human capital strategy and interagency rotational service by employees, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-235).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1953. A bill to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-236).

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1701. A bill to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-237).

S. 1950. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 112-238).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MERKLEY:

S. 3626. A bill to provide financing assistance for qualified water infrastructure projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY:

S. Res. 590. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Children's Grief Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY):

S. Res. 591. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Raymond Weeks and his efforts in the establishment of Veterans Day; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 82

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 82, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs, to repeal the sunset of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act with respect to increased dollar limitations for such credit and programs, and to allow the adoption credit to be claimed in the year expenses are incurred, regardless of when the adoption becomes final.

S. 202

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS), the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) were added as cosponsors of S. 202, a bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks by the Comptroller General of the United States before the end of 2012, and for other purposes.

S. 260

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 260, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for reduction of survivor annuities under the Survivor Benefit Plan by veterans' dependency and indemnity compensation.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 755

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 755, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an offset against income tax refunds to pay for restitution and other State judicial debts that are past-due.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 847

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 847, a bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act to ensure that risks from chemicals are adequately understood and managed, and for other purposes.

S. 1042

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1042, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a Medicare payment option for patients and physicians or practitioners to freely contract, without penalty, for Medicare fee-for-service items and services, while allowing Medicare beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits.

S. 1171

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1171, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible dependent beneficiaries of employees.

S. 1173

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1173, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize payments for ambulatory surgical centers under the Medicare program.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to provide for preferential duty treatment to certain apparel articles of the Philippines.

S. 1269

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1269, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require the Secretary of Education to collect information from coeducational secondary schools on such schools' athletic programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1391

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1391, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder or mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 1423

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1423, a bill to clarify the orphan drug exception to the annual fee on branded prescription pharmaceutical manufacturers and importers.

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 1460, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the First Special Service Force, in recognition of its superior service during World War II.

S. 1718

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1718, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims.

S. 1770

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon

(Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1770, a bill to prohibit discrimination in adoption or foster case placements based on the sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status of any prospective adoptive or foster parent, or the sexual orientation or gender identity of the child involved.

S. 1782

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1782, a bill to provide for the reduction in unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and the promotion of healthy relationships, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1880, a bill to repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax.

S. 1916

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1916, a bill to exclude ecosystem component stocks of fish from certain annual catch limits and for other purposes.

S. 2124

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2124, a bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to authorize and support the creation of cardiomyopathy education, awareness, and risk assessment materials and resources by the Secretary of Health and Human Services through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the dissemination of such materials and resources by State educational agencies to identify more at-risk families.

S. 2189

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2189, a bill to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 and other laws to clarify appropriate standards for Federal antidiscrimination and antiretaliation claims, and for other purposes.

S. 2259

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2259, a bill to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2012, in

the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 3243

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3243, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the low-income housing credit that may be allocated in States damaged in 2011 by Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.

S. 3275

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3275, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the publicly traded partnership ownership structure to energy power generation projects and transportation fuels, and for other purposes.

S. 3338

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3338, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act and title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly.

S. 3394

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, the names of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 3394, a bill to address fee disclosure requirements under the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and for other purposes.

S. 3407

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3407, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to increase the number of permanent faculty in palliative care at accredited allopathic and osteopathic medical schools, nursing schools, and other programs, to promote education in palliative care and hospice, and to support the development of faculty careers in academic palliative medicine.

S. 3427

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3427, a bill to permanently extend

the employer-provided child care credit under section 45F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 3460

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3460, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for startup businesses to use a portion of the research and development credit to offset payroll taxes.

S. 3477

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3477, a bill to ensure that the United States promotes women's meaningful inclusion and participation in mediation and negotiation processes undertaken in order to prevent, mitigate, or resolve violent conflict and implements the United States National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.

S. 3494

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3494, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualify formerly homeless individuals who are full-time students for purposes of low income housing tax credit.

S. 3498

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3498, a bill to provide humanitarian assistance and support a democratic transition in Syria, and for other purposes.

S. 3526

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3526, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to protect the rights of conscience of members of the Armed Forces and chaplains of members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 3550

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3550, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to protect students from deceptive practices and high-pressure sales by institutions of higher education, to provide a waiting period for students to make enrollment decisions, to guard against misrepresentation, to standardize and elevate institutional disclosures, and for other purposes.

S. 3565

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3565, a bill to eliminate discrimination and promote women's health and economic security by ensuring reasonable workplace accommodations for workers whose ability to per-

form the functions of a job are limited by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition.

S. 3573

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. MCCONNELL) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3573, a bill to recognize the primacy of States, provide for the consideration of the economic impact of additional regulations, and provide for standards and requirements relating to certain guidelines and regulations relating to health and the environment.

S. 3574

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3574, a bill to amend section 403 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants, similar retail food establishments, and vending machines.

S. 3584

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3584, a bill to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.

S. 3605

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3605, a bill to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 19

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 19, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

S.J. RES. 45

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 45, a joint resolution amending title 36, United States Code, to designate June 19 as "Juneteenth Independence Day".

S.J. RES. 50

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 50, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of Family Assistance of the Administration for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to waiver and expenditure authority under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) with respect to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

S. RES. 543

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 543, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate on international parental child abduction.

S. RES. 574

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 574, a resolution calling on the United Nations to take concerted actions against leaders in Iran for their statements calling for the destruction of another United Nations Member State, Israel.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 590—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “CHILDREN’S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. CASEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 590

Whereas 1 in 5 children in the United States will experience the death of a close friend or relative by the age of 18 years old;

Whereas in the United States, 1,900,000 children under the age of 18 years old have lost 1 or both parents;

Whereas the death of a loved one can affect a child for the rest of his or her life;

Whereas the death of a loved one causes confusion and distress because the child does not understand why the loved one died;

Whereas a grieving child often feels lonely, fearful, and misunderstood, hindering the ability to face feelings and manage grief;

Whereas children have often been called “forgotten mourners” because many people erroneously believe that children are resilient enough to “just get over” grief;

Whereas a grieving child needs to have his or her feelings acknowledged, a listening ear, and the support of caring individuals, such as family members, friends, and others who are also grieving a loss;

Whereas Children’s Grief Awareness Day began in 2008, through grassroots efforts to help others understand the impact of death on children, and the need for support, and to provide ways for adults and young people to show support and solidarity for grieving children;

Whereas Children’s Grief Awareness Day is observed every year on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, immediately preceding the winter holidays, which can be a particularly difficult time for grieving children;

Whereas individuals can participate in Children’s Grief Awareness Day by engaging in activities that raise awareness of the needs of grieving children and by wearing blue on that day as a symbol of support for grieving children;

Whereas on November 15, 2012, thousands of children and adults from all walks of life and across the United States will join together to show support for grieving children by participating in Children’s Grief Awareness Day; and

Whereas November 15, 2012, would be an appropriate day to designate as “Children’s Grief Awareness Day” to help the public understand the devastating impact of the death

of a loved one on a child, and of the need for support for grieving children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Children’s Grief Awareness Day to raise awareness of and support for grieving children;

(2) recognizes the hard work that grieving children do every day in creating a new life out of the pieces remaining of their old lives;

(3) applauds the individuals that volunteer to support grieving children;

(4) salutes the Federal, State, and local organizations that work on behalf of grieving children;

(5) recognizes the tireless efforts put forth by the individuals that help grieving children day after day; and

(6) encourages the people of the United States to observe Children’s Grief Awareness Day with appropriate programs and activities.

## SENATE RESOLUTION 591—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING RAYMOND WEEKS AND HIS EFFORTS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS DAY

Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 591

Whereas November 11, 2012, is the 65th anniversary of National Veterans Day in Birmingham, Alabama;

Whereas the National Veterans Day in Birmingham is the longest running celebration of Veterans Day in the Nation;

Whereas, on November 11, 1946, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks presented General Eisenhower a program design proposing to replace Armistice Day with a National Veterans Day in 1947;

Whereas the very first Veterans Day celebration was held in Birmingham by the National Veterans Day Organization in 1947;

Whereas President Eisenhower signed into law on June 1, 1954, the Act proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day (Public Law 380; 83rd Congress);

Whereas in 1954, the National Veterans Day Volunteer Organization, started by Raymond Weeks, expanded to organize a multi-day celebration including, but not limited to, a Veterans Day Parade, a World Peace Luncheon, and presentation during the National Veterans Award Dinner of the National Veterans Award;

Whereas these three events have been held every year since 1954;

Whereas the briefing for President Reagan by Elizabeth Dole for the Presidential Citizens Medals cited Raymond Weeks as the “Father of Veterans Day”;

Whereas President Reagan recognized Raymond Weeks as the driving force behind Veterans Day while presenting Raymond Weeks with the Presidential Citizens Medal on November 11, 1982;

Whereas Raymond Weeks should be recognized for his push to honor the great men and women who have served their country with a special day of recognition; and

Whereas Birmingham, Alabama, should be recognized for its contributions to the institution of Veterans Day: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes Birmingham, Alabama, as the home to the first and longest running celebration of Veterans Day;

(2) recognizes Raymond Weeks for his pioneering efforts in the establishment of Veterans Day; and

(3) honors the sacrifices of, and pays tribute to, the men and women of the United States in uniform who risk life and limb for their country at home and overseas.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2871. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2872. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2873. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2874. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2875. Mr. REID (for Mr. TESTER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2876. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2875 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. TESTER) to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2877. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2876 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2875 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. TESTER) to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2878. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2879. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2878 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2880. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2881. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2880 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2882. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2881 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2880 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3525, supra.

SA 2883. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2884. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2885. Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2886. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2887. Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2888. Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2889. Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN) submitted an amendment intended