

(Mr. LEAHY) 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. 3512

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3512, a bill to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to facilitate recovery and beneficial use, and provide for the proper management and disposal, of materials generated by the combustion of coal and other fossil fuels.

S. 3539

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3539, a bill to encourage the adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics.

S. 3542

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3542, a bill to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.

S. 3551

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. TOOMEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3551, a bill to require investigations into and a report on the September 11–13, 2012, attacks on the United States missions in Libya, Egypt, and Yemen, and for other purposes.

S. 3560

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3560, a bill to provide for scientific frameworks with respect to recalcitrant cancers.

S. 3574

At the request of Mr. BLUNT, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) 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. 3617

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3617, a bill to ensure sufficient sizing of the civilian and contract services workforces of the Department of Defense.

S. 3635

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3635, a bill to provide incentives for States to invest in practices and technology that are designed to expedite voting at the polls and to simplify voter registration.

S. RES. 150

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 150, a resolution calling for the protection of religious minority rights and freedoms in the Arab world.

S. RES. 518

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 518, a resolution congratulating the Southern Baptist Convention for electing Reverend Fred Luter, Jr., as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, acknowledging Reverend Luter's unique role as the first African-American leader of the Southern Baptist Convention, and honoring the commitment of the Southern Baptist Convention to an inclusive faith-based community and society.

S. RES. 599

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 599, a resolution expressing vigorous support and unwavering commitment to the welfare, security, and survival of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders, and recognizing and strongly supporting its right to act in self-defense to protect its citizens against acts of terrorism.

AMENDMENT NO. 2928

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2928 intended to be proposed to S. 3254, an original bill 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2929

At the request of Mrs. MCCASKILL, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2929 intended to be proposed to S. 3254, an original bill 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 2940

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from New

Mexico (Mr. UDALL), the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 2940 intended to be proposed to S. 3254, an original bill 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.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 601—COMMENDING THE PEOPLE OF ALBANIA ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE TURKISH OTTOMAN EMPIRE ON NOVEMBER 28, 1912, AND COMMENDING ALBANIANS IN ALBANIA AND KOSOVO FOR PROTECTING AND SAVING THE LIVES OF ALL JEWS WHO EITHER LIVED IN ALBANIA OR SOUGHT ASYLUM THERE DURING THE HOLOCAUST

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 601

Whereas, in 1934, the United States Ambassador to Albania Herman Bernstein wrote that "there is no trace of any discrimination against Jews in Albania, because Albania happens to be one of the rare lands in Europe today where religious prejudice and hate do not exist, even though Albanians themselves are divided into three faiths";

Whereas, in 1938, approximately 300 Albanian Jews lived in the Republic of Albania, and more than 1,900 escaped to Albania from Nazi-occupied Western Europe and the former Yugoslavia during World War II;

Whereas Albanians in Albania and Kosova, based on their unique history of religious tolerance, considered it a matter of national pride and tradition to help Jews during the Holocaust, and due to the actions of many individual Albanians, the entire native and refugee Jewish community in Albania during World War II survived the Holocaust;

Whereas Albanians sheltered and protected Jews in Albania and in Kosova, even at the risk of Albanian lives, beginning with the invasion and occupation of Albania by Italian fascists led by Benito Mussolini in 1939;

Whereas, after Nazi Germany occupied Albania in 1943 and the Gestapo ordered Jewish refugees in the Albanian capital of Tirana to register, Albanian leaders refused to provide a list of Jews living in Albania, and Albanian clerks issued false identity papers to protect all Jews in the country;

Whereas, in June 1990, Jewish-American Congressman Tom Lantos and former Albanian-American Congressman Joe DioGuardi were the first United States officials to enter Albania in 50 years and received from the Communist Party leader and Albanian President Ramiz Alia a thick file from the archives containing hundreds of news clippings and personal letters sent by Jews to their Albanian rescuers after World War II, but that the Communist government prevented from being delivered for 45 years;

Whereas Congressman Joe DioGuardi, upon returning to the United States in June 1990,

sent the file for authentication to Elli Streit in Tel Aviv for delivery to appropriate officials at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Jerusalem;

Whereas Josef Jakoele and his eldest daughter, Felicita, both Albanian Jews, led the emigration of almost all Albanian Jews to Israel in 1991 as the Communist regime was collapsing;

Whereas Yad Vashem has designated 69 Albanians as "Righteous Persons" and Albania as one of the "Righteous among the Nations";

Whereas, based on the information authenticated by Yad Vashem, Jewish-American author and philanthropist Harvey Sarnier published "Rescue in Albania" in 1997 to call international attention to the unique role of the Albanian people in saving Jews from the Holocaust;

Whereas, in October 1997, the Albanian American Civic League and the Albanian American Foundation began the distribution of 10,000 copies of "Rescue in Albania", with forewords by Congressmen Tom Lantos and Benjamin Gilman, to bring to the attention of the Jewish people and their leaders the plight of Albanians in Kosovo living under a brutal occupation at the hands of Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic, in order to forestall another genocide in Kosovo;

Whereas, in a statement at the "Salute to Albanian Tolerance, Resistance, and Hope: Remembering Besa and the Holocaust" held by the Albanian American Civic League and the Albanian American Foundation in 2005 on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, Dr. Mordechai Paldi, then Director for the Righteous at Yad Vashem, commemorated the heroism of Albanians as "the only ones among rescuers in other countries who not only went out of their way to save Jews, but vied and competed with each other for the privilege of being a rescuer, thanks to besa", the code of honor that requires an Albanian to save the life of anyone seeking refuge, even if it means sacrificing one's own life;

Whereas, in 2006, Shirley Cloyes DioGuardi, Balkan Affairs Adviser to the Albanian American Civic League and Executive Director of the Albanian American Foundation, published "Jewish Survival in Albania & the Ethics of 'Besa'" in the journal of the American Jewish Congress to document the saving role of Albanians and how that role was revealed, in spite of the Communist effort to suppress it;

Whereas, on December 2, 2008, Arslan Rezniki and his son, Mustafa, were the first Kosovar Albanians recognized by Yad Vashem's "Righteous among Nations Department", for leading 400 Jewish families from Decan, Kosova, into safety in Albania;

Whereas Arif Alicaj, the Secretary of the Municipality of Decan, risked his job and his life helping the Rezniki's rescue Jews in Nazi-occupied Kosova by issuing false identity papers to ensure their safe passage to Albania and who, like so many Albanians from Kosova and Albania, died before Jewish survivors could validate his role at Yad Vashem;

Whereas Shirley Cloyes DioGuardi addressed the 2010 International Oral History Association Conference in Prague, and brought Leka Rezniki, the grandson of Mustafa Rezniki, to join her in revealing the "underground railroad" between Albanians in Kosova and Albania that was essential to the rescue of Jews; and

Whereas Albania is the only nation in Europe that had more Jewish residents after World War II than before World War II: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the people of Albania and Kosova for protecting and saving the lives of Jews who either lived in Albania or sought asylum there during the Holocaust;

(2) commends Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, in Israel for recognizing Albanians, who took action at great risk to themselves to protect Jews during the Holocaust, for their humanity, courage, and heroism;

(3) reaffirms, on the 100th anniversary of Albania's declaration of independence in 1912, its support for close ties between the United States and Albania and between the United States and Kosova, which declared its independence in 2008; and

(4) commends the officers, boards of directors, and members of the Albanian American Civic League and the Albanian American Foundation for their unstinting work, since 1989, to bring the plight of the Albanian people and the unique historic connection between Albanians and Jews to international attention.

SENATE RESOLUTION 602—DESIGNATING 2012-2013 AS THE "YEAR OF THE KOREAN WAR VETERAN" AND RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 602

Whereas, on June 25, 1950, the Communist Democratic People's Republic of Korea began the Korean War by invading the Republic of Korea with approximately 135,000 troops;

Whereas nearly 1,800,000 members of the United States Armed Forces served along with the forces of the Republic of Korea and 20 other Allied nations in the Korean theater of operations to defend freedom and democracy in the Korean Peninsula;

Whereas, during the Korean War, 36,574 people from the United States died and 103,284 people from the United States were wounded in some of the most horrific combat and weather conditions in the history of warfare;

Whereas almost 60 years have passed since the signing of the cease-fire agreement at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953, and the Korean Peninsula still technically remains in a state of war;

Whereas the Korean War has for many years been a "Forgotten War" for people in the United States;

Whereas Korean War veterans deserve to be recognized by the people of the United States for their honorable and courageous service in defense of democracy and freedom during the Korean War;

Whereas the tide of communism on the southern ½ of the Korean Peninsula was halted, liberty triumphed over tyranny, and the Republic of Korea has developed into a modern and prosperous democracy because of the selfless sacrifice of the Korean War veterans;

Whereas the people of the United States and the Republic of Korea are eternally grateful to the Korean War veterans;

Whereas the history of the Korean War should be included in the curriculum of schools in the United States so that future generations never forget the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans and what those veterans accomplished;

Whereas the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemora-

tion Committee will implement a national campaign to honor the Korean War veterans, remember those Korean War veterans still counted among the missing in action, and educate the people of the United States concerning the ongoing relevance of the Korean War; and

Whereas the commemorative campaign will include ceremonies in the United States and the Republic of Korea in recognition of the beginning (June 25, 1950) and the armistice ending hostilities (July 27, 1953), as well as a national media and outreach campaign for Veterans Day 2012 to honor the Korean War veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates 2012-2013 as the "Year of the Korean War Veteran";

(2) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Korean War; and

(3) honors the contributions and sacrifices made by the Korean War veterans.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2946. Mr. PRYOR (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS) 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 2947. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2948. Mr. WEBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2949. Mr. WEBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2950. Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2951. Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2952. Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. CASEY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2953. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2954. Mr. BEGICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2955. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2956. Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2957. Mr. WEBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3254, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2958. Mr. WEBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the