

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 610 submitted earlier today by Senators ROCKEFELLER and HUTCHISON.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 610) commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation.

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

Mr. CARDIN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD as if read.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 610) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 610

Whereas the United States is a world leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fundamental research and related education;

Whereas an excellent STEM higher-education system is critical to the development of a robust and inclusive U.S. STEM workforce and to U.S. global science and engineering preeminence;

Whereas Congress and President Harry S. Truman created the National Science Foundation (NSF), an independent Federal agency, 62 years ago specifically to advance scientific discovery and innovation through the Nation's basic research and STEM education infrastructure;

Whereas fundamental research supported by NSF across all scientific disciplines have resulted in many significant contributions to Americans' health and security, as well as to technological innovation and U.S. economic prosperity;

Whereas advances in knowledge are made possible by researchers who focus on the fundamental properties of nature, and who mentor and educate the next generation of scientists and engineers;

Whereas 60 years ago, NSF purposefully created the Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) as an instrument to prepare the Nation's reservoir of science and engineering talent;

Whereas the GRFP, the country's oldest graduate fellowship program, supports outstanding graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in research at accredited U.S. institutions;

Whereas the GRFP has contributed to the development of outstanding U.S. scholars, entrepreneurs, teachers, mentors, and inventors who continue to support and promote the Nation's science and engineering enterprise and the next generation of scientists and engineers;

Whereas this flagship program helps maintain high-quality and highly skilled grad-

uates who enter the Nation's STEM workforce prepared to innovate and collaborate in the global scientific arena;

Whereas NSF has funded more than 46,500 competitive graduate research fellows with selection criteria based on the intellectual merit of their research and its potential broader impacts for society;

Whereas of the more than 200 NSF-supported Nobel laureates, 40 were selected as graduate research fellows, and more than 440 graduate research fellows have become members of the National Academy of Sciences;

Whereas graduate research fellows have an exceptionally high rate of doctorate completion;

Whereas since 2001, graduate research fellows have filed more than 1,000 patents while working toward their graduate degrees, thus contributing directly to scientific advancement and discovery;

Whereas since 2007, 1145 graduate research fellows were selected from Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research jurisdictions; and

Whereas NSF's GRFP continues to be an essential component of the Nation's discovery and innovation ecosystem, and is instrumental in STEM workforce development: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation; and

(2) continues to recognize U.S. STEM graduate education as central to U.S. workforce competitiveness and our country's international leadership and economic prosperity.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012; 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 the leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11:45 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the previous order regarding retirement speeches remaining in effect; and that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, the time from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. tomorrow will be for speeches by our retiring Senators. At approximately 12:10 p.m., there will be two rollcall votes, the first on the passage of H.R. 6156, the Russia trade bill and the Magnitsky bill, and the second on confirmation of the Walker nomination.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CARDIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I

ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:11 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

COAST GUARD RESERVE

PURSUANT TO TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, SECTION 12203, THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE:

To be captain

ROBERT T. HANLEY
GARY W. JONES
DIRK A. STRINGER

IN THE COAST GUARD

PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271(E), THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD:

To be lieutenant commander

AUSTIN L. ADCOCK
LAWRENCE F. AHLIN
ANTONE S. ALONGI
MONICA P. ANDERSEN
MIKAEL D. ANDERSON
JENNIFER J. ANDREW
AUDIE J. ANDRY
EDWARD S. APONTE
MATTHEW S. AUSTIN
BERNARD C. AUTH
SAMUEL H. BABBITT
BRIAN D. BACHTEL
ENGRID A. BACKSTROM
MICHAEL W. BAIRD
JOHN E. BANNON
ROGER B. BARR
STEPHEN T. BAXTER
TODD M. BEHNEY
JAMES R. BENDLE
PATRICIA M. BENNETT
TORREY H. BERTHEAU
ROBERT A. BIXLER
KELLY C. BLACKBURN
JULIE E. BLANCHFIELD
RONALD D. BLEDSOE
BRIAN T. BOLAND
JEFFREY M. BOLLING
ERIN M. BOYLE
TOMMY J. BRACKINS
COREY A. BRADDOCK
ADAM C. BRENNELL
MICHAEL D. BRIMBLECOM
COLLIN R. BRONSON
MARY D. BROOKS
MEAGHAN H. BROSNAN
CODY L. BROWN
KATHERINE L. BROWN
STACEY K. BROWN
BRADLEY A. BRUNAUGH
CHRISTOPHER D. BRUNCLIK
MARTIN J. BRYANT
ELIZABETH A. BUENDIA
KENNETH J. BURGESS
NICOLE S. BURGESS
ADAM N. BURKLEY
ERIC S. BURLEY
KARA L. BURNS
WILLIAM R. CAHILL
MICHAEL J. CALDERONE
JAMES J. CAMP
JAMES M. CARABIN
LUIS O. CARMONA
JOEL B. CARSE
CHRISTOPHER L. CARTER
AARON J. CASAVANT
CHRISTY S. CASEY
DAVID K. CHAPMAN
JEFFREY J. CHONKO
GREGORY A. CLAYTON
BRYAN J. COFFMAN
BRADLEY D. CONWAY
ADAM J. COOLEY
JAMES R. COOLEY
GEORGE H. COTTRELL
JEREMY A. COURTADE
MICHAEL T. COURTNEY
ALLISON B. COX
JONATHAN W. COX
BROOKS C. CRAWFORD
BYRON A. CREECH
DANIEL A. CRUZ
DAVID B. CRUZ
WALTER L. DANIEL
MICHAEL R. DARRAH
ARTHUR M. DEHNZ
PHILIP A. DELISLE
JEREMY R. DENNING
JARRON M. DEWITZ
JENNIFER R. DOHERTY
DOUGLAS M. DOLL

SCOT R. DRUCKREY
LAUREN F. DUFRENE
CHRISTOPHER P. DUFRESNE
FRANCISCO A. ESTEVEZ
PATRICIA L. FERRELL
STANLEY P. FIELDS
JASON M. FINISON
BRANDON C. FISHER
MATTHEW L. FITZGIBBONS
JASON S. FRANZ
MICHAEL FRIEND
TRACY D. FUNCK
MATTHEW A. GANS
LISA L. GARCEZ
KEVIN E. GARCIA
JESSE J. GARRANT
GREG S. GEDEMER
LACRESHA A. GETTER
JAMES A. GIBSON JR
MICHAEL R. GILLHAM
ERIN K. GILSON
GERROD C. GLAUNER
JEROD A. GLOVER
IAN A. HALL
ANDREW P. HALVORSON
KENT D. HAMMACK
ANDERS J. HAMMERSBORG
JAMES J. HANNAM
GREGORY A. HAYES
JUAN M. HERNANDEZ
REYNA E. HERNANDEZ
GERALD J. HEWES
ANTHONY S. HILLENBRAND
JAMES E. HILTZ
MARCUS T. HIRSCHBERG
MATTHEW M. HOBBIE
MARY D. HOFFMAN
CRIST M. HOLVECK
DANIEL J. HUELSMAN
DONALD E. HUNLEY
MICHAEL J. HUNT
DANIEL G. HURD
IAN T. HURST
MARCUS A. IVERY
RAYMOND D. JACKSON
JAMES A. JENKS
BRIANA N. JEWczyn
NATHANIEL K. JOHNSON
THOMAS D. JONES
MARK C. JORGENSEN
KEVIN L. KAMMETER
KEVIN T. KAROW
ANTHONY J. KENNE
MARGARET D. KENNEDY
JAMES R. KENSHALO
COREY M. KERNS
GREGORY J. KNOLL
MATTHEW R. KOLODICA
MICHAEL A. KOPS
SCOTT C. KRAMER
RICHARD E. KUZAK
RYAN B. LAMB
KARA M. LAVIN
AMANDA M. LEE
ALMERICK C. LIM
BRANDON M. LIND
CHRISTOPHER D. LUCERO
BETH A. MAGER
KRISSEY A. MARLIN
RODNEY G. MARTINEZ
MATTHEW K. MATSUOKA
GREGG J. MAYE
KEVIN J. MCDONALD
CLAY D. MCKINNEY
JOHN M. MCWILLIAMS
CHRISTOPHER D. MEIK
NATHAN S. MENEFEE
GEORGE F. MENZIE
BRADLEY W. MIDDLETON
DAVID A. MIDDLETON
BROOKE A. MILLARD
JESSE M. MILLARD
JONATHAN D. MILLER
KENNETH R. MILLSON
BORIS MONTATSKY
COMMANDER K. MOORE
MICHAEL C. MOREFIELD
KATHRYN A. MORETTI
ROBERT S. MORRIS
KELLY J. MOYERS
ERNESTO MUNIZTIRADO
GARY C. MURPHY
SCOTT C. MURPHY
STEVEN M. MYERS
RONALD M. MYERS
SAMUEL T. NAKAMOTO
BRANDON J. NATTEAL
JOSHUA B. NELSON
IAN S. NEVILLE-NEIL
MICHAEL D. NEWELL
MICHAEL C. NORRIS
CHARLES S. NOVAK
STEPHEN P. NUTTING
JEREMY R. OBECHAIN
JANNA M. OTT
DANIEL G. OWEN
TINA D. OWEN
NICHOLAS W. PARKER
THOMAS T. PEQUIGNOT
LUKE R. PETERSEN
MICHAEL C. PETTA
MARK A. PIBER
SEAN P. PLANKEY
JASON T. PLUMLEY
BEAU G. POWERS
CLAYTON S. PREBLE
KRISTEN M. PREBLE

RANDY L. PRESTON
CHRISTOPHER C. PUTNAM
MILES R. RANDALL
KEVIN J. RAPP
KENT R. REINHOLD
EMILY P. REUTER
JONATHAN P. RICE
CHRISTIAN P. RIGNEY
STANLEY L. ROBINSON
CHAD J. ROBUCK
KENNETH H. ROCKHOLD
THOMAS C. RODZEWICZ
KJELL C. ROMMERDAHL
ELIZABETH M. ROSCOE
JEFFREY H. RUBINI
ERIC S. RUNYON
CATHARINE L. RYAN
MICHAEL K. SAFFOLD
JAIME SALINAS
RICHARD C. SANSONE
ANDREW G. SCHANNO
MATTHEW A. SCHIBLER
BRIAN C. SCHMIDT
WILLIAM A. SCHRADER
DAVID P. SHEPPARD
BRENDAN C. SHIELDS
LUKE M. SLIVINSKI
FRANCES M. SMITH
PABLO V. SMITH
PAUL D. SMITH
SCOTT R. SMITH
WILLIAM M. SNYDER
BENJAMIN J. SPECTOR
DONALD S. STIKER
CHRISTOPHER S. STOECKLER
STEVEN D. STOWERS
KEVIN J. SULLIVAN
ROBERT J. TENETLYO
PHILIP D. THISSE
JOSEPH G. THOMAS
KEITH O. THOMAS
STEPHEN G. THOMPSON
JAROD S. TOCZKO
MIGUEL E. TORREZ
DOUGLAS M. TRENT
ROBERTO N. TREVINO
KRISTOFER A. TSAIRIS
CHRISTOPHER B. TUCKEY
MATTHEW S. TUOHY
JORGE L. VALENTE
BENJAMIN J. VELAZQUEZ
DAVID B. VICKS
BRETT R. WALTER
MATTHEW J. WALTER
BENJAMIN M. WALTON
MOLLY K. WATERS
RYAN A. WATERS
DOUGLAS D. WATSON
JUSTIN L. WESTMILLER
SHANNON M. WHITAKER
NEIL A. WHITE
ROBERT S. WHITESIDE
CARL A. WILSON
CHARLES K. WILSON
ERIC J. WILSON
CHRISTOPHER WOLFER
DANA L. WOODALL
NICHOLAS S. WORST
DAMIAN YEMMA
ISRAEL J. YOUNG
RUSSELL R. ZUCKERMAN

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. GREGORY A. BISCONI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. LISA A. NAFTZGER-KANG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM B. BINGER
BRIGADIER GENERAL KEITH D. KRIES
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARYANNE MILLER
BRIGADIER GENERAL JANE C. ROHR
BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICIA A. ROSE
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOCELYN M. SENG
BRIGADIER GENERAL SHEILA ZUEHLKE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL L. AYERS
BRIGADIER GENERAL JIM C. CHOW
BRIGADIER GENERAL GREGORY L. FERGUSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTHONY P. GERMAN
BRIGADIER GENERAL RICKIE B. MATTSON
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. MCCOY
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN E. MURPHY
BRIGADIER GENERAL BRIAN G. NEAL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL STEPHANIE A. GASS
COLONEL MARY H. HITTMEIER
COLONEL TIMOTHY P. KELLY
COLONEL THOMAS E. KITTLER
COLONEL KENNETH R. LAPIERRE
COLONEL MARK L. LOEBEN
COLONEL JAMES F. MACKEY
COLONEL WALTER J. SAMS
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER F. SKOMARS
COLONEL WADE R. SMITH
COLONEL MARK D. STILLWAGON
COLONEL CURTIS L. WILLIAMS

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. BERNARD S. CHAMPOUX

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. STEVEN A. HUMMER

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOHAN K. AHN
JOHN D. MCELROY

To be major

JEFFREY S. WILLIAMS

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

MICHAEL D. SHORTT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

DELNORA L. ERICKSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

RONALD D. LAIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MATTHEW J. BURINSKAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

RONALD G. COOK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

DAVID A. CORTESE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

CHARLES J. ROMERO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be major

MICHAEL D. DO
GREGORY S. SEESE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

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To be commander

JOHN T. VOLPE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

TAMARA M. SORENSEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant commander

JOSEPH N. KENAN

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Wednesday, December 5, 2012:

THE JUDICIARY

MICHAEL P. SHEA, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT.