

Outland Trophy winner Luke Joeckel, and Texas A&M's 12th Man;

Whereas Manziel became the second Heisman Trophy winner at Texas A&M, preceded by John David Crow in 1957;

Whereas Manziel started the development of his athletic capabilities before attending Texas A&M in the cities of Tyler, Texas, and Kerrville, Texas;

Whereas 2012 marks the eighth time a player at a university in Texas has won the Heisman Trophy and back-to-back years of keeping the award in Texas;

Whereas the hullabaloo of Manziel becoming the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy is another testament to the strength and skill of Texas football; and

Whereas Manziel has combined incredible talent with hard work and a good heart: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the recipient of the 2012 Heisman Memorial Trophy.

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, today, Texas A&M University students, faculty, alumni, and fans—known as the 12th Man—are filled with pride and joy over the first Aggie to win the Heisman Trophy since John David Crow's Heisman-season in 1957. Johnny Manziel was named the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner for his incredible accomplishments on the gridiron. Texas A&M finished this season ranked No. 9 nationally with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses including an impressive victory in Tuscaloosa, Alabama over the previously ranked No. 1 University of Alabama, Crimson Tide.

At a young age, Johnny Manziel's parents, Paul and Michelle Manziel instilled a discipline to succeed. Their parenting laid the groundwork for his competitiveness and strong work ethic. Raised in Tyler, Texas, and a graduate of Tivy High School in Kerrville, Texas, Johnny was a high school star athlete never willing to back down because of his size or age.

Johnny's time at Texas A&M may not be extensive but his freshman year statistics and accomplishments are not short of anything but extraordinary. Johnny is the first freshman in National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, history to ever win the prestigious Heisman Trophy. Johnny also became the first freshman and only the fifth player ever, in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision, FBS, history to achieve 3,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a season. Incredibly, Johnny became the first player in the FBS to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game three times in his career. He also earned the Davey O'Brien Award, presented annually to the best NCAA quarterback.

On Saturday, December 8, 2012, Johnny Manziel was recognized as the greatest college football player of the year. The Heisman Trophy is the most prestigious award in college sports, and no one is more deserving of this honor than Johnny Manziel.

Congratulations to Johnny Manziel on a truly memorable season; to his family, who provided the foundation for his abilities; to his teammates and to all of Aggieland. This is truly a his-

toric ending to a tremendous freshman season.

SENATE RESOLUTION 618—OBSERVING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CIVIL RIGHTS ICON ROSA PARKS AND COMMEMORATING HER LEGACY

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COBURN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. REID of Nevada, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KOHL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CORKER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 618

Whereas Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was born on February 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Alabama, the first child of James and Leona (Edwards) McCauley;

Whereas Rosa Parks dedicated her life to the cause of universal human rights and truly embodied the love of humanity and freedom;

Whereas Rosa Parks was arrested on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, and her stand for equal rights became legendary;

Whereas news of the arrest of Rosa Parks resulted in approximately 42,000 African Americans boycotting Montgomery buses for 381 days, beginning on December 5, 1955, until the bus segregation law was changed on December 21, 1956;

Whereas the United States Supreme Court ruled on November 13, 1956, that the Montgomery segregation law was unconstitutional, and on December 20, 1956, Montgomery officials were ordered to desegregate buses;

Whereas the civil rights movement led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352; 78 Stat. 241), which broke down the barrier of legal discrimination against African Americans and made equality before the law a reality for all people of the United States;

Whereas Rosa Parks has been honored as the "first lady of civil rights" and the "mother of the freedom movement", and her quiet dignity ignited the most significant social movement in the history of the United States;

Whereas, in 1987, Rosa Parks and her close associate Elaine Steele cofounded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development to motivate and direct youth to achieve their highest potential through Rosa Parks' philosophy of "quiet strength" and cross-cultural exposure for nurturing a global and inclusive perspective;

Whereas Rosa Parks was the recipient of many awards and accolades for her efforts on behalf of racial harmony, including the Con-

gressional Gold Medal, the Spingarn Award, which is the highest honor of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for civil rights contributions, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which is the highest civilian honor in the United States, and was named one of the 20 most influential and iconic figures of the 20th century;

Whereas Rosa Parks sparked one of the largest movements in the United States against racial segregation, and by her quiet courage symbolizes all that is vital about nonviolent protest because of the way she endured threats of death and persisted as an advocate for the basic lessons she taught the people of the United States;

Whereas Rosa Parks and her husband Raymond Parks relocated to Michigan in 1957, and remained in Michigan until the death of Rosa Parks on October 24, 2005;

Whereas, on Tuesday, October 26, 2005 the United States Senate adopted a Resolution expressing its condolences on the passing of Rosa Parks, and honored her life and accomplishments;

Whereas, in recognition of the historic contributions of Rosa Parks, her remains were placed in the rotunda of the Capitol from October 30 to October 31, 2005, so that the people of the United States could pay their last respects to this great American;

Whereas, in November 2005, Congress authorized the Joint Committee on the Library to procure a statue of Rosa Parks to be placed in the Capitol;

Whereas the United States Postal Service will issue a stamp in February 2013 to honor Rosa Parks and her courage to act at a pivotal moment in the civil rights movement;

Whereas, the bus on which Rosa Parks sparked a new era in the American quest for freedom and equality is one of the most significant artifacts of the American civil rights movement and is on permanent display in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan;

Whereas, on February 4, 2013, the Henry Ford Museum, will commemorate the 100th birthday of Rosa Parks by calling for a National Day of Courage and sponsoring a program that highlights her contributions to the civil rights movement, including a day-long celebration, with both virtual and on-site activities featuring nationally-recognized speakers, musical and dramatic interpretative performances, a panel presentation of "Rosa's Story" and a reading of the tale "Quiet Strength", featuring the actual bus on which Rosa Parks sat as the centerpiece in commemorating Rosa Parks' extraordinary life and accomplishments, and affording everyone the opportunity to board the bus and sit in the seat that Rosa Parks refused to give up; and

Whereas the Rosa Parks Museum at Troy University and the Mobile Studio will commemorate the birthday of Rosa Parks with the 100th Birthday Wishes Project, culminating on February 4, 2013, with a 100th birthday celebration at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts in Montgomery, Alabama, where 2,000 birthday wishes submitted by individuals throughout the United States will be transformed into 200 graphic messages: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) observes the 100th birthday of civil rights icon Rosa Parks; and

(2) commemorates the legacy of Rosa Parks to inspire all people of the United States to stand up for freedom and the principles of the Constitution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3335. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 3312 submitted by Mr. PAUL and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3336. Mrs. MURRAY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes.

SA 3337. Mr. REID (for Mr. BURR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3335. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3312 submitted by Mr. PAUL and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3637, to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, after line 3, add the following:

SEC. ____ ELIMINATING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) In October 2011, the Government Accountability Office found the following:

(A) Allowing members of the banking industry to both elect and serve on the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks poses reputational risks to the Federal Reserve System.

(B) Eighteen former and current members of the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks were affiliated with banks and companies that received emergency loans from the Federal Reserve System during the financial crisis.

(C) Many of the members of the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks own stock or work directly for banks that are supervised and regulated by the Federal Reserve System. These board members oversee the operations of the Federal reserve banks, including salary and personnel decisions.

(D) Under current regulations, members of a board of directors of a Federal reserve bank who are employed by the banking industry or own stock in financial institutions can participate in decisions involving how much interest to charge to financial institutions receiving loans from the Federal Reserve System, and the approval or disapproval of Federal Reserve credit to healthy banks and banks in "hazardous" condition.

(E) Twenty-one members of the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks were involved in making personnel decisions in the division of supervision and regulation under the Federal Reserve System.

(F) The Federal Reserve System does not publicly disclose when it grants a waiver to its conflict of interest regulations.

(2) Allowing currently employed banking industry executives to serve as directors on the boards of directors of Federal reserve banks is a clear conflict of interest that must be eliminated.

(3) No one who works for or invests in a firm receiving direct financial assistance from the Federal Reserve System should be allowed to sit on any board of directors of a Federal reserve bank or be employed by the Federal Reserve System.

(b) ENDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—

(1) CLASS A MEMBERS.—The tenth undesignated paragraph of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 302) (relating to Class A) is amended by striking "chosen by and be representative of the stockholding banks" and inserting "designated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, from among persons who are not employed in any capacity by a stockholding bank".

(2) CLASS B.—The eleventh undesignated paragraph of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 302) (relating to Class B) is amended by striking "be elected" and inserting "be designated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System".

(3) LIMITATIONS ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS.—The fourteenth and fifteenth undesignated paragraphs of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 303) (relating to Class B and Class C, respectively) are amended to read as follows:

"No employee of a bank holding company or other entity regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may serve on the board of directors of any Federal reserve bank.

"No employee of the Federal Reserve System or board member of a Federal reserve bank may own any stock or invest in any company that is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, without exception."

(c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall report annually to Congress, beginning 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, to ensure that the provisions in this section and the amendments made by this section are carried out.

SA 3336. Mrs. MURRAY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3313, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the reproductive assistance provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to severely wounded, ill, or injured veterans and their spouses, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 8. FUNDING.

Amounts for a fiscal year to carry out this Act, section 7330B of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 2(a), section 1787 of such title, as added by section 4(a), and the amendments made by this Act shall be derived from amounts made available for an overseas contingency operation in that fiscal year, if amounts were made available for an overseas contingency operation in that fiscal year.

SA 3337. Mr. REID (for Mr. BURR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2045, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, line 19, strike "the District of Columbia" and insert "the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area".

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator RON WYDEN, intend to object to proceeding to S. 810, a bill to prohibit the conducting of invasive research on great apes, and for other purposes; dated December 13, 2012.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2012, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Care for Dually-Eligible Beneficiaries: A Progress Update."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2012, at 2 p.m. to hold a briefing entitled "National Security Brief on Attacks in Benghazi."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2012, at 4 p.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2012, at 10 a.m. in room 432 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Hurricane Sandy: Assessing the Federal Response and Small Business Recovery Efforts."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2012, at 10 a.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Terrorist Networks in Pakistan and the Proliferation of IEDS."

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, December 17, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to