

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the crew, coaches, and staff who contributed to the victory; and

(3) offers best wishes and support for the team as it prepares to defend its title once again in American waters.

SENATE RESOLUTION 287—CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON RED SOX ON WINNING THE 2013 WORLD SERIES

Ms. WARREN (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KING, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 287

Whereas, on October 30, 2013, the Boston Red Sox won the 2013 World Series by defeating the St. Louis Cardinals;

Whereas the Boston Red Sox won the World Series before the Fenway Faithful for the first time since 1918, igniting the city with pride;

Whereas the St. Louis Cardinals demonstrated sportsmanship, skill, and perseverance;

Whereas the St. Louis Cardinals are recognized for their phenomenal effort and success throughout the 2013 baseball season, posting a record of 97-65 and winning their fourth National League pennant in 10 years;

Whereas Boston's victory marks their third world title in 10 years and their 8th world title in the treasured and beloved Red Sox team's 113-year history;

Whereas the Red Sox players and staff showed the most advanced skill, heart, and grit through the entire regular season and postseason, winning the American League Division Series, the American League Championship Series, and the World Series;

Whereas the Red Sox made history and showed tremendous resilience in becoming the first team to win the World Series after losing at least 93 games the previous year;

Whereas the 2013 team will be remembered for the inspiration they drew from the city of Boston, the joy they brought to the city and the region, and their embodiment of "Boston Strong";

Whereas the Red Sox players' beards will be remembered as a symbol of the 2013 Boston Red Sox's spirit and unity;

Whereas the Red Sox World Series victory paid tribute to former Red Sox legends, including Bobby Doerr, Joe Cronin, Johnny Pesky, Carl Yastrzemski, Ted Williams, Carlton Fisk, and Jim Rice;

Whereas Red Sox manager John Farrell has won his first World Series title at the helm of the Red Sox and assembled one of the greatest Red Sox teams of all time;

Whereas David Ortiz, a vital Red Sox and member of the 2004 and 2007 World Series championship teams and with 103 runs-batted-in (RBIs) during the season, was recognized as the Most Valuable Player in the 2013 World Series, batting .688, hitting two critical home runs, and cementing his reputation as one of the greatest postseason performers in baseball history;

Whereas John Lackey and Clay Buchholz dominated opposing batters throughout the American League Championship, and Jon Lester had an overpowering performance in Game 5 of the World Series, tying the Red Sox post-season record for wins with six;

Whereas Koji Uehara delivered unmatched relief pitching performances throughout the regular season, earning 21 saves with just a 1.09 earned run average and silenced opposing hitters during the playoffs;

Whereas Mike Napoli blasted a game-deciding home run in game 3 of the American League Championship Series and produced key hits and leadership for the Red Sox throughout the World Series;

Whereas Shane Victorino solidified his legend in postseason baseball lore by blasting a grand slam that drove the Red Sox past the Detroit Tigers in game 6 of the American League Championship Series, hitting a three run double in the World Series-clinching win at Fenway Park, and earning a Gold Glove award for his stellar performance in right field;

Whereas Dustin Pedroia, a sure-handed fielder, was awarded the Gold Glove for his unshakeable defensive play at second base during the 2013 regular season, provided relentless leadership in the Red Sox clubhouse, and set an example for countless young baseball fans across our country;

Whereas the Boston Red Sox were led to the World Series by the determination of every Red Sox player this season, including Alfredo Aceves, Quintin Berry, Xander Bogaerts, Craig Breslow, Clay Buchholz, Mike Carp, Ryan Dempster, Jonathan Diaz, Felix Doubront, Stephen Drew, Jacoby Ellsbury, Jonny Gomes, Brock Holt, John Lackey, Ryan Lavarney, Jon Lester, Will Middlebrooks, Franklin Morales, Mike Napoli, Daniel Nava, Jake Peavy, Dustin Pedroia, David Ortiz, David Ross, Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Junichi Tazawa, Koji Uehara, Shane Victorino, and Brandon Workman;

Whereas Red Sox owners John Henry and Tom Werner and Red Sox president and chief executive officer Larry Lucchino and general manager Ben Cherington deserve credit for building on the success of the 2004 and 2007 World Championship teams;

Whereas Bill James, the father of modern statistical analysis of baseball and a pioneer in the sabermetric movement, won his third World Series as a member of the Red Sox staff;

Whereas the Boston Red Sox have been serving charities throughout New England, including the "Jimmy Fund" of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for 60 years and joining the fight against cancer; and

Whereas fans of the Red Sox, not only in Boston or New England but across the world, join together to triumphantly celebrate the win after mourning the tragic events of the 2013 Boston Marathon earlier this year; and

Whereas the Fenway Faithful and Red Sox Nation thank the Red Sox organization for their loyalty to the city and delivery of the 2013 World Series title: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the Boston Red Sox for bringing the World Series title back to Boston, and the players, manager, coaches, support staff, and owners whose dedication, commitment, and spirit made this season a historic success; and

(B) the St. Louis Cardinals for their accomplishments and dedication during the 2013 season and in winning the National League Championship; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Red Sox manager John Farrell;

(B) Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington;

(C) Red Sox president and chief executive officer Larry Lucchino;

(D) Red Sox principal owner John Henry; and

(E) Red Sox chairman Tom Werner.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Protecting Small Lender Access to the Secondary Mortgage Market."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities".

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Online Federal Health Insurance Marketplace: Enrollment Challenges and the Path Forward."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "The U.S. Aviation Industry and Jobs: Keeping American Manufacturing Competitive."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BANKRUPTCY AND THE COURTS

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Bankruptcy and the Courts, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 5, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Changing the

Rules: Will limiting the scope of civil discovery diminish accountability and leave Americans without access to justice?"

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY,
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, and Natural Resources, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Shortchanging Our Forest: How Tight Budgets and Management Decisions Can Increase the Risk of Wildlife."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 5, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Fugitive Methane Emissions from Oil and Gas Operations."

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 393 through 402 and 419, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; any statement be printed in the RECORD; and that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

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. Samuel D. Cox

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer 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 brigadier general

Col. Jill J. Nelson

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Hector Lopez

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Keith D. Jones

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Garrett P. Jensen

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

Lt. Gen. Robert B. Brown

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Walter, Jr.

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. William C. Mayville, Jr.

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. Stephen R. Lanza

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Bruce L. Gillingham

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Robert O. Blake, Jr., of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Indonesia.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN859 AIR FORCE nomination of Brian J. Hood, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN860 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning JOHN P. SCHUMACHER, and ending PAUL C. ROBINSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN861 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning SCOTT P. IRWIN, and ending DAVE C. PRAKASH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN879 AIR FORCE nomination of Gregory L. Koontz, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2013.

PN880 AIR FORCE nomination of Nga T. Do, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2013.

IN THE ARMY

PN862 ARMY nomination of Richard L. Piontkowski, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN863 ARMY nominations (2) beginning SARY O. BEIDAS, and ending GERRY R. GERRY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN864 ARMY nomination of Benjamin P. Donham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN865 ARMY nominations (6) beginning ANTHONY P. CLARK, and ending KAREN L. RYAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 17, 2013.

PN912 ARMY nomination of Robert F. Pleczkowski, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN913 ARMY nominations (2) beginning Milton L. Shipman, and ending Robert W. Stewart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN914 ARMY nominations (55) beginning JOHN C. ANDERSON, and ending ALEXIS M. WELLS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN915 ARMY nominations (14) beginning JAMES L. BRISSON, JR., and ending DAVID A. VANDERJAGT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN916 ARMY nominations (5) beginning JAMES D. BROWN, and ending LESLIE D. MALONEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN917 ARMY nominations (19) beginning LAURENCE J. BAZER, and ending JOHN E. TRUNZO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN918 ARMY nominations (256) beginning BRIAN M. ADELSON, and ending BRIAN G. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN922 ARMY nominations (8) beginning KENNETH E. BRANDT, and ending WILEY R. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 9, 2013.

IN THE NAVY

PN882 NAVY nomination of Justin R. Hodges, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2013.

PN883 NAVY nomination of George P. Byrum, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2013.

PN919 NAVY nomination of Sennay M. Stefanos, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

PN920 NAVY nomination of Jessica Y. Lin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 7, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate resumes legislative session.