SOUTHERLAND, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. YODER):

H. Res. 762. A resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H. Res. 763. A resolution expressing support for designation of November 20 through November 26, 2014, as "End Child Slavery Week" to raise awareness of human rights abuses against children and to acknowledge the global fight against child slavery and child labor; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (for himself, Ms. Frankel of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. GARCIA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. ROONEY):

H. Res. 764. A resolution congratulating Congresswomen Frederica S. Wilson and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen on their induction into the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Hall of Fame; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. PERLMUTTER:

H. Res. 765. A resolution recognizing the 40th anniversary of passage of the Solar Energy Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1974; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

## **MEMORIALS**

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

331. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to Senate Resolution No. 430 urging the President and the Congress to publicly denounce the crimes against humanity occurring in Iraq; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

332. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of Michigan, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 21 urging the Congress to enact legislation that will extend the MotorCities National Heritage Area Partnership in Michigan; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

333. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 385 urging the Congress to investigate the Department of Veterans Affairs' treatment of military veterans seeking health care at facilities throughout the country; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

334. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 19 urging the President and the Congress to join California in opposing any reduction of the national and high-cost conforming loan limits; to the Committee on Financial Services.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution. By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5746.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

ation pursuant to the following: Article I, Section 8, Clause 4, establishing

an uniform Rule of Naturalization; and Article I, Section 8, Clause, regulating Interstate Travel.

Mr. ROYCE:

H.R. 5747.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. CUMMINGS:

H.R. 5748.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 (relating to the power of Congress to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.)

By Mr. LUCAS:

H.R. 5749.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution states that Congress shall have the power to "to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes."

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution states the Congress shall have the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

Mr. BILIRAKIS:

H.R. 5750.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause I, which gives the Congress the authority to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Additionally, under Article I, Section 8, Clause 8 which gives Congress the power to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT:

H.R. 5751.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 5752.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 (The Congress shall have the Power To . . . provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States;), and Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 (To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States or in any Department or Officer thereof).

Enacting this bill is consistent with the powers vested to the Congress of the United States. With regard to Clause 1, the enactment of this bill will buttress the cause of "provid[ing] for the common Defence and general Welfare" by incentivizing individuals with knowledge of the referenced crimes to come forth so that the perpetrators may be brought to justice. Further, the language in the bill serves as a deterrent to the enemies of the United States, for if they know others have monetary incentive to bring them to justice, they may be less inclined to continue their criminal activity.

With regard to Clause 18, the bill provides the specific language, means, and authorizations to carry out the missions set forth in Clause 1. By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 5753.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin:

H.R. 5754.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5755.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5756.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Amendment II of the Constitution of the United States

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

By Mr. STOCKMAN:

H.R. 5757.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. LUETKEMEYER:

H.R. 5758.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority on which this bill rests is the explicit power of Congress to regulate commerce in and among the states, as enumerate in Article 1. Section 8. Clause 3, the Commerce Clause, of the United States Constitution, and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1, which grants Congress the ability to make laws necessary to carry out that power. Additionally, Article 1, Section 8, Clause 9 grants Congress authority over federal courts and therefore implicitly allows Congress to require Judicial Branch review of Executive Branch actions. Finally, Article I, Section 7, Clause 2 of the Constitution allows for every bill passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate and signed by the President to be made law; and therefore it implicitly allows Congress to amend any bill that has been passed by both chambers and signed into law by the President.

By Mr. YOHO:

H.R. 5759.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 of the Constitution of the United States, which grants Congress the Power "To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization . . ."

By Mr. BARBER

H.R. 5760.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution (clauses 12, 13, 14, and 16), which grants Congress the power to raise and support an Army; to provide and maintain a Navy; to make rules for the government and regulations of the land and naval forces; and to provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States.

By Mr. BARLETTA:

H.R. 5761.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 4 and 18.

Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 5762.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Constitution of the United States provides clear authority for Congress to pass legislation to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Article I of the Constitution, in detailing Congressional authority, provides that "Congress shall have Power to provide for the . . . general welfare of the United States. . . ." This legislation is introduced pursuant to that grant of authority.

By Mr. DAINES:

H.R. 5763.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution reserves to Congress the power to raise and support Armies and provide and maintain a Navy, as well as make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces.

By Mr. JOYCE:

H.R. 5764.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article 1, Section 8, Cluase 3 of the United States Constitution.

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico: H.R. 5765.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section A.

By Mr. O'ROURKE:

H.R. 5766.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3:

The Congress shall have Power \* \* \* To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. PAULSEN:

H.R. 5767.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. POE of Texas:

H.R. 5768.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 4.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

- H.R. 679: Ms. MATSUI.
- H.R. 684: Mr. SIMPSON.
- H.R. 713: Mr. Hunter and Mr. Roskam.
- H.R. 786: Mr. SHERMAN.
- H.R. 1070: Mr. SWALWELL of California.
- H.R. 1731: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
- H.R. 1734: Mr. Rush.
- H.R. 1812: Mr. BISHOP of Utah.
- H.R. 1910: Mr. Rush.

- H.R. 1981: Mr. TIERNEY and Mr. HINOJOSA.
- H.R. 2146: Ms. BORDALLO.
- H.R. 2368: Mr. JEFFRIES.
- H.R. 2502: Mr. JEFFRIES. H.R. 2737: Mr. YARMUTH.
- H.R. 2847: Mr. LoBiondo, Mr. Sean Patrick Maloney of New York, Ms. DeLauro, and Mr. Cleaver.

H.R. 2901: Mr. SHERMAN.

- H.R. 3116: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.
- H.R. 3426: Mr. MEEHAN.
- H.R. 3471: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.
- H.R. 3480: Mr. Rush.
- H.R. 3486: Mr. Lamborn.
- H.R. 3512: Mr. FORTENBERRY.
- H.R. 3717: Mr. CICILLINE.
- H.R. 3742: Ms. Brownley of California.
- H.R. 4163: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. PERLMUTTER. H.R. 4221: Mrs. McCarthy of New York.
- H.R. 4347: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
- H.R. 4365: Ms. KAPTUR. H.R. 4426: Mr. WELCH.
- H.R. 4507: Mr. SERRANO.
- H.R. 4551: Mr. LOEBSACK.
- H.R. 4679: Ms. NORTON.
- H.R. 4693: Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ OF California.
- H.R. 4726: Mr. ELLISON.
- H.R. 4748: Mr. REICHERT.
- H.R. 4778: Mr. ELLISON, Ms. McCollum, and Mr. Rohrabacher.

H.R. 4887: Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 4930: Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. REED, Mr. CARTER, and Mr CONAWAY.

H.R. 4960: Mrs. Hartzler, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Ms. Pingree of Maine, Mr. Lipinski, Mr. Kilmer, Mr. Hultgren, Mr. Courtney, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Nunnelee, Mr. Barr, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Stivers, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Schrader, Mr. Dent, Mrs. Bustos, and Mr. Grijalva.

H.R. 4977: Ms. Kuster.

H.R. 5059: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 5186: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 5227: Mr. RIGELL.

H.R. 5229: Mr. GRIJALVA and Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 5267: Ms. DELAURO.

H.R. 5364: Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms.

DELBENE.

H.R. 5372: Mr. RUSH. H.R. 5391: Mr. DEUTCH and Mr. BENISHEK.

H.R. 5473: Mr. JONES.

H.R. 5499: Ms. ESHOO and Mr. TAKANO.

H.R. 5532: Mr. Young of Alaska.

H.R. 5589: Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MENG, and Mr. McGovern.

H.R. 5638: Mr. RIBBLE.

H.R. 5648: Mr. KING of New York.

H.R. 5655: Mr. TONKO. H.R. 5656: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 5680: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 5685: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 5690: Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA.

H.R. 5697: Mr. FARENTHOLD.

H.R. 5706: Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 5710: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 5737: Mr. GOHMERT.

H. Res. 72: Mr. LOEBSACK.

H. Res. 755: Mr. VALADAO and Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H. Res. 757: Mr. GOHMERT.

## PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

101. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the National Guard Association, Washington, D.C., relative to urging the Congress to remove the specter of sequestration from defense funding; to the Committee on Armed Services

102. Also, a petition of the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, relative to Resolution 050-2014 expressing its desire for Congressional approval of H.R. 965; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

103. Also, a petition of the City of Miami, Florida, relative to Resolution R-14-0343 urging the Congress to enact the "Bella Bill" to advance pediatric cancer research; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

104. Also, a petition of the Township of Berkeley, New Jersey, relative to Resolution No. 14-388-R urging the President to utilize the full powers and authorities of his office to secure the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican custody; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

105. Also, a petition of the Blinded Veterans Association, Washington, D.C., relative to Resolution 14-14 urging the Senate to ratify the CRPD treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

106. Also, a petition of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Passaic County, New Jersey, relative to Resolution R-2014-753 urging the President to secure the release of United States Marine Sergeant Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican prison and custody and transferred to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

107. Also, a petition of the Council of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., relative to Resolution 20-624 to approve the transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of Reservation 497 (Square 3712, Lots 101-104) from the United States, by the Department of the Interior, National Park Services, to the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

108. Also, a petition of the Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, relative to an appeal for action on legislation that will help ensure the continued economic recovery of the islands; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and the Judiciary.

109. Also, a petition of Colegio de Abogados y Abogadas de Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico, relative to Resolution No. 2 reaffirming the Association's historic opposition to the death penalty in Puerto Rico or sentences of Puerto Ricans convicted of death penalty crimes in any applicable jurisdiction; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

110. Also, a petition of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association, Ohio, relative to a petition urging consideration and support for HR 5178; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

111. Also, a petition of the Senior Citizens League, Virginia, relative to a petition to pass the Strengthen Social Security Act S. 567 and H.R. 3118; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Education and the Workforce.

112. Also, a petition of the Blinded Veterans Association, Washington, D.C., relative to Resolution 21-14 supporting legislation to require the President, Vice President, and Members of Congress to enroll for VA medical care services and receive health care exclusively from the VA health care system; jointly to the Committees on House Administration, Oversight and Government Reform, and Veterans' Affairs.