

Resolved, That the Senate supports the designation of November 2016 as “National Bladder Health Month”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 605— HONORING ARNOLD PALMER

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. NELSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 605

Whereas Arnold Palmer was one of the most popular professional athletes of all time, known affectionately as “The King” for his civility, modesty, and commitment to public service;

Whereas Palmer, with his charming personality and approachability, popularized the game of golf, introducing millions of people in the United States to the sport, many of whom became part of “Arnie’s Army”, a legion of fans worldwide;

Whereas Palmer was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, a small steel town at the western base of the Allegheny Mountains, east of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Palmer learned the game of golf at Latrobe Country Club, where his father Milfred “Deacon” Palmer served as the club professional and groundskeeper;

Whereas Palmer lived in his hometown for his entire life, where he stayed engaged in his community;

Whereas Palmer was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, a successful businessman, and a humanitarian;

Whereas Palmer opened the Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve, dedicated to the memory of his late wife, on the grounds adjacent to St. Vincent College;

Whereas Palmer served as honorary National Chairman of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation for 20 years;

Whereas Palmer owned the Bay Hill Club and Lodge in Orlando, Florida, which hosts the Arnold Palmer Invitational to raise funds to benefit the Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies and the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, both of which are also located in Orlando, Florida;

Whereas Palmer was a prostate cancer survivor and raised funds to support the Arnold Palmer Pavilion, a cancer center near Latrobe, Pennsylvania;

Whereas Palmer was an amateur aviator who helped develop the airport in his beloved hometown and served on the Westmoreland County Airport Authority, which renamed the airport in Latrobe in honor of Palmer in 1999;

Whereas Palmer served his country for 3 years in the United States Coast Guard;

Whereas Palmer won 92 tournaments, including 7 major championships;

Whereas Palmer played in the Masters Tournament 48 times, winning in 1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964;

Whereas, in 2004, Palmer received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President George W. Bush;

Whereas Palmer was presented the Congressional Gold Medal on September 12, 2012, in recognition of his service to the United States in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf; and

Whereas Palmer has received numerous other honors for his accomplishments in golf and his service to his community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and legacy of Arnold Palmer for his philanthropy, humanitarianism, and significant contributions to the sport of golf; and

(2) expresses its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Arnold Palmer on his death.

SENATE RESOLUTION 606—HONORING THE MEMORIES AND LEGACIES OF THE 3 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE ATTACK ON JULY 17, 2016, IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, CONDEMNING THAT ATTACK, AND RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND FIRST RESPONDERS

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 606

Whereas, on July 17, 2016, a lone gunman in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, ambushed and opened fire on law enforcement personnel, killing 3 Baton Rouge law enforcement officers and wounding 3 additional officers at Benny’s Car Wash and Oil Change;

Whereas Corporal Montrell Jackson, a 10-year veteran of the Baton Rouge Police Department who was a husband, father, brother, and son and who loved his career and serving his community, was killed in the attack;

Whereas Deputy Brad Garafola, a 24-year veteran of the East Baton Rouge Sheriff’s Office and a beloved husband, father, and son who touched the lives of many individuals during his more than 2 decades of faithful service, was killed in the attack;

Whereas Officer Matthew Gerald, who honorably served the United States as a member of United States Marine Corps and the United States Army before joining the Baton Rouge Police Department in 2015, was killed in the attack;

Whereas 3 other Baton Rouge law enforcement officers were injured during this senseless attack;

Whereas this attack took place with the intention of targeting law enforcement officers;

Whereas Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel performed their duties admirably during the attack and risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of the people of Baton Rouge; and

Whereas the people of the United States stand united with the community of Baton Rouge and the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims to support all of those individuals affected by the attack and to pray for healing and peace: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the attack of July 17, 2016, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana;

(2) honors the memory of the Baton Rouge law enforcement officers who lost their lives;

(3) recognizes the bravery, heroism, and dedication by Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, emergency medical responders, and all of those individuals who offered support and assistance;

(4) offers sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims;

(5) expresses hope that each individual who was wounded in the attack makes a full recovery; and

(6) stands united against violence and in support of those individuals who work every day to protect the communities of the United States and keep the United States safe.

SENATE RESOLUTION 607—RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 607

Whereas, in an effort to improve the imagery intelligence, mapping, and geodesy capabilities of the United States, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (in this preamble referred to as “NIMA”), the predecessor of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (in this preamble referred to as the “NGA”), was founded on October 1, 1996, as a result of President William Jefferson Clinton signing into law the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201; 110 Stat. 2422), which authorized the establishment of NIMA;

Whereas the NGA derives from legacy agencies, including the Defense Mapping Agency, the National Photographic Interpretation Center, the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office, the Central Imagery Office, and the Defense Dissemination Program Office, that played vital roles in the defense of the United States in conflicts dating back to World War II and contributed to the discipline of geospatial intelligence (in this preamble referred to as “GEOINT”) through imagery and mapping production;

Whereas the NGA has, throughout its 20-year history, provided GEOINT support to United States policy makers and military commanders in both war and peacetime during significant national security and natural disaster events, including—

- (1) the operations in the Balkans;
- (2) the response to Hurricane Katrina;
- (3) the operation that resulted in the killing of former al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden;
- (4) operations against state-sponsored terrorist organizations;
- (5) the humanitarian assistance responses to earthquakes in Haiti and Japan; and
- (6) the continued critical mission support to members of the Armed Forces in the Middle East;

Whereas, with military and civilian employees serving at the NGA headquarters in Springfield, Virginia, the NGA West Campus in St. Louis, Missouri, and additional locations throughout the United States, and with personnel deployed worldwide in more than 200 locations in 17 countries, the NGA produces timely mapping, charting, geodesy, and intelligence products to warfighters, first responders, civil authorities, policy makers, and the maritime and aviation communities;

Whereas the NGA motto describes the many missions that were combined 20 years ago upon the creation of the NGA, “Know the Earth, show the way, and understand the world”;

Whereas the NGA is the primary organization responsible for developing, maintaining, and enhancing the World Geodetic System 84 reference frame, the foundation for all of the Positioning, Navigation, and Timing systems of the Department of Defense, including the

Global Positioning System (commonly known as “GPS”);

Whereas the Maritime Safety Office of the NGA, which traces its lineage to 1869, collects, analyzes, and writes the Notices to Mariners that keep government, civilian, and international mariners informed about vital safety and navigational issues;

Whereas the NGA also supports commercial vessels worldwide with navigational products and warning messages;

Whereas, in addition to updating worldwide digital nautical charts that ensure safety of navigation to a broad base of users, the NGA has expanded to provide safety of navigation information to the aeronautical community;

Whereas, in recent years, the NGA has increased its—

(1) worldwide, industry-leading aeronautical safety library to more than 10,000 flight procedures made available to the Department of Defense; and

(2) vertical obstructions database from 4,000,000 features to more than 24,000,000 features;

Whereas the NGA has converted from paper maps to downloadable digital maps, reducing the amount of gear that pilots need to carry while ensuring that those pilots always have the latest information;

Whereas the NGA continues to be a constant source of innovation, aiding the efforts of the Department of Defense in counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations by using new—

(1) intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance sensors and technologies; and

(2) analytic methods, including full-motion video, hyperspectral imagery, overhead persistent infrared, light detection and ranging, and activity-based intelligence;

Whereas the NGA continues to support warfighters and intelligence operators with dedicated efforts in global counterterrorism, counterproliferation, mission readiness, safety of navigation, and future weapons development;

Whereas, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the men and women of the NGA have worked diligently to deter, detect, and prevent acts of terrorism by providing GEOINT support to United States and coalition forces in support of the Global War on Terror, including Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, Combined Joint Task Force–Horn of Africa, Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, and Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Syria;

Whereas the NGA is commendably pursuing new methods of intelligence collection and analysis to inform, complement, and add to the NGA's support of warfighter requirements by—

(1) embracing innovative cost-sharing and risk-sharing constructs with the commercial electro-optical satellite industry; and

(2) looking to emerging commercial technology providers, including small satellite companies, that hold the promise of rapid technological innovation and potentially significant future cost savings to the taxpayers of the United States; and

Whereas the NGA has been awarded 3 Joint Meritorious Unit Awards reflecting the distinctive accomplishments of the personnel assigned to the NGA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the men and women of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency;

(2) honors the professional men and women, past and present, of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency for their selfless service and dedication to the United States; and

(3) expresses gratitude to all the men and women of the National Geospatial-Intel-

ligence Agency for their past and continued efforts to provide timely, relevant, and accurate geospatial intelligence support to deliver overwhelming advantages to warfighters, defense planners, and national security policymakers in the defense and security of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 608—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24, 2016, AS “NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK”

Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. WARREN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. COONS, Mr. NELSON, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. REED, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CARPER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 608

Whereas the estuary regions of the United States constitute a significant share of the economy of the United States, with as much as 43 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States generated in coastal shoreline counties;

Whereas the population of coastal shoreline counties in the United States increased by 39 percent from 1970 to 2010 and is projected to continue to increase;

Whereas not fewer than 2,100,000 jobs in the United States are supported by marine tourism and recreation;

Whereas the commercial fishing, recreational fishing, and seafood industries rely on healthy estuaries and directly support 1,839,000 jobs in the United States;

Whereas, in 2014—

(1) commercial fish landings generated \$5,500,000,000; and

(2) recreational anglers—

(A) took more than 68,000,000 fishing trips; and

(B) spent \$32,000,000,000;

Whereas estuaries provide vital habitats for countless species of fish and wildlife, including many species that are listed as threatened or endangered species;

Whereas estuaries provide critical ecosystem services that protect human health and public safety, including water filtration, flood control, shoreline stabilization, erosion prevention, and the protection of coastal communities during hurricanes and storms;

Whereas the United States has lost more than 110,000,000 acres of wetland, or 50 percent of the wetland of the United States, since the first European settlers arrived;

Whereas some bays in the United States that were once filled with fish and oysters have become dead zones filled with excess nutrients, chemical wastes, harmful algae, and marine debris;

Whereas changes in sea level can affect estuarine water quality and estuarine habitats;

Whereas the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) provides that the policy of the United States is to preserve, protect, develop, and, if possible, restore or enhance the resources of the coastal zone of the United States, including estuaries, for current and future generations;

Whereas 25 coastal and Great Lakes States and territories of the United States operate a National Estuary Program or contain a National Estuarine Research Reserve;

Whereas scientific study leads to a better understanding of the benefits of estuaries to human and ecological communities;

Whereas the Federal Government, State, local, and tribal governments, national and community organizations, and individuals work together to effectively manage the estuaries of the United States;

Whereas estuary restoration efforts restore natural infrastructure in local communities in a cost-effective manner, helping to create jobs and reestablish the natural functions of estuaries that yield countless benefits; and

Whereas the week of September 17 through September 24, 2016, is recognized as “National Estuaries Week” to increase awareness among all people of the United States, including Federal Government and State and local government officials, about the importance of healthy estuaries and the need to protect and restore estuaries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of September 17 through September 24, 2016, as “National Estuaries Week”;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Estuaries Week;

(3) acknowledges the importance of estuaries to sustaining employment in the United States and the economic well-being and prosperity of the United States;

(4) recognizes that persistent threats undermine the health of the estuaries of the United States;

(5) applauds the work of national and community organizations and public partners that promote public awareness, understanding, protection, and restoration of estuaries;

(6) reaffirms the support of the Senate for estuaries, including the scientific study, preservation, protection, and restoration of estuaries; and

(7) expresses the intent of the Senate to continue working to understand, protect, and restore the estuaries of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 609—HONORING THE MEMORIES AND HEROIC ACTIONS OF THOSE KILLED, INJURED, AND AFFECTED BY THE FATAL BUS CRASH IN LAPLACE, LOUISIANA, ON AUGUST 28, 2016

Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 609

Whereas, on August 28, 2016, St. John the Baptist Parish firefighters and Louisiana State troopers were responding to the scene of an accident along I-10 Westbound in Laplace, Louisiana, when an undocumented immigrant driving a passenger bus lost control of the bus and crashed into a nearby vehicle;

Whereas 3 firefighters were thrown over the highway guardrail from the impact of the vehicle, falling more than 30 feet into alligator-infested water;

Whereas fellow firefighters, State troopers, and at least 1 civilian quickly responded to rescue the 3 overthrown firefighters;

Whereas Chief Spencer Chauvin, a 36-year-old who served the St. John the Baptist Parish Fire Department for 12 years and was a beloved husband and father of 2, died in the crash;

Whereas 21-year-old Jermaine Starr and 33-year-old Vontarous Kelly, both of Moss Point, Mississippi, and who were passengers in the vehicle impacted by the bus, were also killed in the crash;