

of the Armed Forces, including Reserve Officers' Training Corps students: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors Fort Custer in Augusta, Michigan, on its 100th anniversary;

(2) commends the thousands of men and women who have worked and trained at Fort Custer; and

(3) commemorates the tens of thousands of members of the Armed Forces and their families memorialized at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

SENATE RESOLUTION 206—URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO RECOGNIZE THE CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF RIB MOUNTAIN BY ADDING IT TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. RES. 206

Whereas Paul Bunyan is a larger-than-life folk hero who embodies the frontier spirit, might, the willingness to work hard, and the resolve to overcome all obstacles;

Whereas reliable documentation establishes that the earliest story about Paul Bunyan was told north of Tomahawk, Wisconsin;

Whereas this evidence suggests that Wisconsin's claim that it is the birthplace of Paul Bunyan is superior to claims from other States;

Whereas Paul Bunyan has been the subject of countless literary compositions, musical pieces, commercial works, and theatrical productions;

Whereas local legend states that the "ribs" in Rib Mountain, Wisconsin, denote that the mountain is the burial site of Paul Bunyan;

Whereas Rib Mountain is nearly 4 miles long and peaks at 1,924 feet above sea level and 670 feet above the local terrain, making it the highest natural feature in North Central Wisconsin and one of the highest points in the entire State of Wisconsin;

Whereas Rib Mountain is home to the Granite Peak Ski Area, one of the first ski areas in North America, where thousands of visitors come annually to ski or snowboard;

Whereas Rib Mountain State Park, situated on Rib Mountain, is over 1,500 acres and boasts a well-maintained network of hiking and nature trails with breathtaking views; and

Whereas Rib Mountain State Park attracts visitors from the local community as well as from across the State and the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) affirms the importance of Rib Mountain to the culture and economy of Wisconsin;

(2) recognizes the legend of Paul Bunyan as the embodiment of the frontier spirit; and

(3) requests that the Secretary of the Interior recognize the legendary burial site of Paul Bunyan by adding Rib Mountain to the National Register of Historic Places.

SENATE RESOLUTION 207—DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF JULY 9 THROUGH JULY 15, 2017 AS "SARCOMA AWARENESS WEEK" AND DESIGNATING JULY 15, 2017 AS "LEIOMYOSARCOMA AWARENESS DAY"

Ms. STABENOW submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 207

Whereas a soft tissue sarcoma is a rare type of cancer, accounting for approximately 1 percent of all newly diagnosed cancers, that arises in the connective tissue of the body;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health designates sarcoma as a rare form of cancer, with sarcoma containing approximately 70 different subtypes;

Whereas sarcomas are largely resistant to current chemotherapy agents, immunotherapy agents, and radiation therapies, posing a formidable challenge for researchers and specialists;

Whereas sarcoma subtypes have largely not received benefit from immunotherapies due to the complexity of the DNA, genomes, and mutations associated with the many variations in the sarcoma subtype landscape;

Whereas leiomyosarcoma (referred to in this preamble as "LMS") is a malignant, aggressive subtype of soft tissue sarcoma derived from smooth muscle cells typically of uterine, gastrointestinal or soft tissue origin, and can metastasize to the bone, spine, brain, and liver;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health classifies LMS as a rare disease, accounting for approximately 15 percent of all sarcomas, and LMS itself encompasses at least 4 different LMS subtypes;

Whereas LMS primarily affects adults without regard to gender;

Whereas research and clinical trials for LMS remain complicated and the prospects for long-term survival remain poor;

Whereas multidisciplinary care coordination teams, because of their expertise and experience, are critical to the health of sarcoma and LMS patients;

Whereas sarcoma and LMS research will allow medical professionals to improve the quality of care for affected patients, lead to better clinical outcomes, and promote longer survival for patients; and

Whereas increased education and awareness about sarcoma and LMS will contribute to the well-being of the communities of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of July 9 through July 15, 2017, as "Sarcoma Awareness Week";

(2) designates July 15, 2017, as "Leiomyosarcoma Awareness Day";

(3) recognizes the challenges faced by sarcoma and leiomyosarcoma patients; and

(4) commends the dedication of organizations, volunteers, researchers, and caregivers across the country working to improve the quality of life of sarcoma and leiomyosarcoma patients and their families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 208—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT FLOWERS GROWN IN THE UNITED STATES SUPPORT THE FARMERS, SMALL BUSINESSES, JOBS, AND ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES, THAT FLOWER FARMING IS AN HONORABLE VOCATION, AND DESIGNATING JULY AS "AMERICAN GROWN FLOWER MONTH"

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 208

Whereas cut flower growers in the United States are hard-working, dedicated individuals who bring beauty, economic stimulus, and pride to their communities and the nation;

Whereas the people of the United States have a long history of using flowers and greens grown in the United States to bring beauty to important events and express affection for loved ones;

Whereas consumers spend almost \$27,000,000,000 each year on floral products, including cut flowers, garden plants, bedding, and indoor plants;

Whereas nearly 30 percent of households in the United States purchase fresh cut flowers and greens from more than 16,000 florists and floral establishments each year;

Whereas the people of the United States increasingly want to support domestically produced foods and agricultural products and would prefer to buy locally grown flowers whenever possible, yet a majority of domestic consumers do not know where the flowers they purchase are grown;

Whereas in response to increased demand, the "Certified American Grown Flowers" logo was created in July 2014 in order to educate and empower consumers to purchase flowers from domestic producers;

Whereas as of April 2017, millions of stems of domestically grown flowers are now "Certified American Grown";

Whereas domestic flower farmers produce thousands of varieties of flowers across the United States, such as peonies in Alaska, Gerbera daisies in California, lupines in Maine, tulips in Washington, lilies in Oregon, and larkspur in Texas;

Whereas the 5 flower varieties with the highest United States production are tulips, Gerbera daisies, lilies, gladiolas and irises;

Whereas people in every State have access to domestically grown flowers, yet only 1 of 5 flowers sold in the United States is domestically grown;

Whereas the domestic cut flower industry creates almost \$42,000,000 in economic impact daily and supports hundreds of growers, thousands of small businesses, and tens of thousands of jobs in the United States;

Whereas more people in the United States are expressing interest in growing flowers locally, which has resulted in an approximately 20 percent increase in the number of domestic cut flower farms between 2007 and 2012;

Whereas most domestic cut flowers and greens are sold in the United States within 24 to 48 hours after harvest and last longer than flowers shipped longer distances;

Whereas flowers grown domestically enhance the ability of the people of the United States to festively celebrate weddings and births, and honor those who have passed;

Whereas flower-giving has been a holiday tradition in the United States for generations;

Whereas flowers speak to the beauty of motherhood on Mother's Day; and to the spirit of love on Valentine's Day;

Whereas flowers are an essential part of other holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa;

Whereas flowers help commemorate the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces on Memorial Day and Veterans Day; and

Whereas the Senate encourages the cultivation of flowers in the United States by domestic flower farmers: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 2017 as "American Grown Flower Month";

(2) recognizes that purchasing flowers grown in the United States supports the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States;

(3) recognizes that growing flowers and greens in the United States is a vital part of the agricultural industry of the United States;

(4) recognizes that cultivating flowers domestically enhances the ability of the people of the United States to festively celebrate holidays and special occasions; and

(5) urges all people of the United States to proactively showcase flowers and greens grown in the United States in order to show support for our flower farmers, processors, and distributors as well as agriculture in the United States overall.

SENATE RESOLUTION 209—COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP, THE PREEMINENT PUBLIC POLICY TRADE ASSOCIATION IN SILICON VALLEY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Ms. HARRIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 209

Whereas the Silicon Valley Leadership Group (referred to in this preamble as the "Leadership Group"), founded by David Packard in 1978, advocates on behalf of Silicon Valley employers in the interest of improving the economic health of and quality of life in Silicon Valley;

Whereas the Leadership Group represents nearly 400 member companies that constitute 1 in 3 private sector jobs in Silicon Valley;

Whereas the Leadership Group was integral in establishing a permanent regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Silicon Valley, facilitating creativity, innovation, and efficiency for local companies and creating new economic and employment opportunities;

Whereas the Leadership Group was a crucial partner in promoting the restoration of the San Francisco Bay and restoring wildlife habitat by reducing toxins and pollutants, improving water quality, and protecting communities from floods;

Whereas the Leadership Group has been vital in the development of transportation improvements, including helping secure funding for the electrification of Caltrain, which will replace diesel trains with high-performance electric trains, nearly doubling ridership, reducing travel times, cutting emissions, and creating 9,600 additional employment opportunities across the United States; and

Whereas the Leadership Group has supported and contributed to organizations such as Second Harvest Food Bank, Housing Trust

Silicon Valley, Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County, Christmas in the Park in San Jose, and many other organizations that help improve the quality of life in the Silicon Valley region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significant contributions of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the members of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group to the economic health of and quality of life in Silicon Valley; and

(2) commemorates the 40th anniversary of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

Founded by David Packard in 1978, the Leadership Group has worked tirelessly to improve the economic health and quality of life in Silicon Valley. I have had the pleasure of working closely with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group—and its Chief Executive Officer Carl Guardino—on many issues important to the San Francisco Bay Area.

For instance, the Leadership Group has been an indispensable partner in efforts to restore the San Francisco Bay and its critical wetlands. Just last year, they helped secure \$500 million for those restoration efforts. The Leadership Group was integral in establishing a permanent U.S. Patent and Trademark office in San Jose. That office now supports the creativity and innovation that made Silicon Valley the global leader of the digital revolution. Most recently, the Leadership Group was a driving force in developing transportation improvements in Silicon Valley—including the electrification of the Caltrain system that will cut travel times and improve air quality for countless Californians.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution to recognize the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and its contributions to Silicon Valley, the state of California and our national economy.

Thank you.

REQUESTS FOR AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have nine requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They do not have the approval of the Democratic leader for the seventh consecutive legislative day, therefore, they will not be permitted to meet after 2 p.m. I ask unanimous consent that the list of committees requesting authority to meet be printed in the RECORD for today's session and the previous 2 days.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Monday, June 26, 2017.

Five requests for committees to meet for the following committees:

Subcommittee on Airland

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Subcommittee on Seapower

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

Five requests for committees to meet for the following committees:

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Emerging Treaties and Capabilities

Subcommittee on Personnel

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

Wednesday, June 28, 2017.

Nine requests for committees to meet for the following committees:

Committee on Armed Services

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee on Foreign Relations

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee on the Judiciary

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Committee on Intelligence

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: the Honorable JOHN THUNE of South Dakota (ex officio as Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation) and the Honorable DEB FISCHER of Nebraska (Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation).

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appoints the following Senator to the Board of Visitors of the U. S. Military Academy: the Honorable JERRY MORAN of Kansas (Designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services).

The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114-323, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission: John Walters of the District of Columbia.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1460

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1460) to provide for the modernization of the energy and natural resources policies of the United States, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the