

teacher preparation programs to provide greater transparency on key quality measures such as admissions standards, requirements for clinical practice, placement of graduates, retention in the field of teaching, and teacher performance, including student-learning outcomes. All programs—whether traditional or alternative routes to certification—will report on the same measures.

Under our legislation, States will be required to identify at-risk and low-performing programs and provide them with technical assistance and a timeline for improvement. States would be encouraged to close programs that do not improve.

We have been fortunate to work with many stakeholders on this legislation. Organizations that have endorsed the Educator Preparation Reform Act include: the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Higher Education Consortium for Special Education, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, National Disability Rights Network, National Network of State Teachers of the Year, Public Advocacy for Kids, Rural School and Community Trust, and the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children.

I look forward to working to incorporate this legislation into the upcoming reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. I urge my colleagues to join us in this effort and support this legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 237—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. McCONNELL (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, on behalf of myself and the distinguished Democratic leader, Mr. SCHUMER, I send to the desk a resolution on documentary production by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, and ask for its immediate consideration.

Mr. President, earlier this year the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs completed an investigation into internet sex trafficking. After completing that investigation, the Sub-

committee referred its staff reports and findings to the United States Department of Justice for additional investigation. The Subcommittee has received a request from the Department seeking access to records that the Subcommittee obtained during the investigation.

In keeping with the Senate's practice under its rules, this resolution would authorize the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, acting jointly, to provide records, obtained by the Subcommittee in the course of its investigation, in response to this request and requests from other Federal or State government entities and officials with a legitimate need for the records.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the material of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. RES. 237

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted an investigation into Internet sex trafficking;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a request from a federal law enforcement agency for access to records of the Subcommittee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to law enforcement officials, regulatory agencies, and other entities or individuals duly authorized by federal or state governments, records of the Subcommittee's investigation into Internet sex trafficking.

SENATE RESOLUTION 238—RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE INTERSTATE 35W MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 238

Whereas, on August 1, 2007, the Interstate 35W Mississippi River bridge (referred to in this preamble as the "I-35W bridge") collapsed, killing 13 people and injuring 145 people;

Whereas the I-35W bridge was one of the busiest bridges in the State of Minnesota, carrying more than 140,000 vehicles each day;

Whereas first responders and commuters collectively responded quickly and effectively to provide help and ensure safety;

Whereas, during the first 2 hours after the I-35W bridge collapsed, the Minneapolis Emergency Communications Center received and processed more than 500 calls, 51 of which came directly from the scene of the disaster;

Whereas, after the collapse, there was a bipartisan effort to pass legislation that provided emergency funding to replace the I-35W bridge;

Whereas construction of the Interstate 35W Saint Anthony Falls bridge (referred to in this preamble as the "new I-35W bridge") to replace the I-35W bridge began on November 1, 2007;

Whereas the new I-35W bridge opened to traffic on September 18, 2008, which was 3 months ahead of schedule;

Whereas residents, businesses, community members, and local government officials contributed to the design of the new I-35W bridge;

Whereas the new I-35W bridge—

(1) has a 100-year lifespan;

(2) is 189 feet wide; and

(3) accommodates 10 lanes of traffic;

Whereas the new I-35W bridge won the America's Transportation Awards Grand Prize on October 30, 2009; and

Whereas, on September 11, 2009, the new I-35W bridge was named one of the 10 best transportation projects in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 10th anniversary of the tragic Interstate 35W Mississippi River bridge collapse;

(2) honors the victims of the bridge collapse and their families;

(3) commemorates the bravery and commitment of the public safety personnel that effectively responded to the collapse; and

(4) acknowledges the successful community-wide effort to design, plan, and construct the Interstate 35W Saint Anthony Falls bridge.

SENATE RESOLUTION 239—CONGRATULATING THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS FOR WINNING THE 2017 STANLEY CUP HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 239

Whereas on June 11, 2017, the Pittsburgh Penguins won the 2017 Stanley Cup hockey championship;

Whereas the Penguins, in their 50th year playing in the National Hockey League (referred to in this preamble as "NHL"), won their fifth Stanley Cup;

Whereas the Penguins defeated the Western Conference Champion Nashville Predators in the Stanley Cup Finals, clinching the series with 4 wins and 2 losses;

Whereas the Penguins are the only NHL team to win back-to-back Stanley Cup championships since the NHL instituted salary caps in 2005 and the first team to do so since 1998;

Whereas the Penguins endured 3 tough opponents en route to the championship, defeating the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Washington Capitals, and the Ottawa Senators to clinch the Eastern Conference title and win their sixth Prince of Wales Trophy;

Whereas the city of Pittsburgh is fittingly nicknamed "The City of Champions", highlighting the success of Pittsburgh professional sports teams, which have tallied 16 championships;

Whereas NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle have jointly owned the team for 18 years, saving the Penguins from relocation and maintaining the team for the city of Pittsburgh;

Whereas longtime Penguins radio announcer Mike Lange is beloved by loyal fans of the team for such expressions as “Lord Stanley, Lord Stanley, get me the brandy”;

Whereas Penguins Captain Sidney Crosby, who has shown immense leadership, commitment to the team, and unparalleled skill throughout his outstanding career, was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the 2017 NHL Playoffs Most Valuable Player, his second Conn Smythe Trophy in 2 years;

Whereas goaltender Matt Murray dazzled throughout the playoffs, becoming the first goaltender to win 2 Stanley Cups as a rookie, shutting out the Nashville Predators for the final 126 minutes, 52 seconds, and setting a rookie record with 2 shutouts in the Final series;

Whereas goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury contributed to the defensive prowess of the team throughout the Stanley Cup Playoffs, playing in 15 games, including a memorable shutout performance in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference Second Round; and

Whereas the entire Penguins roster contributed to the Stanley Cup victory, including Josh Archibald, Nick Bonino, Sidney Crosby, Matt Cullen, Jean-Sebastien Dea, Jake Guentzel, Carl Hagelin, Patric Hornqvist, Phil Kessel, Tom Kuhnhackl, Chris Kunitz, Evgeni Malkin, Kevin Porter, Carter Rowney, Bryan Rust, Tom Sestito, Conor Sheary, Dominik Simon, Daniel Sprong, Oskar Sundqvist, Garrett Wilson, Scott Wilson, Ian Cole, Frank Corrado, Trevor Daley, Brian Dumoulin, Cameron Gaunce, Ron Hainsey, Kris Letang, Olli Maatta, Derrick Pouliot, Chad Ruhwedel, Justin Schultz, Mark Streit, David Warsofsky, Marc-Andre Fleury, Tristan Jarry, Sean Maguire, and Matt Murray: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Pittsburgh Penguins and the loyal fans of the Penguins for becoming the 2017 National Hockey League Stanley Cup champions; and

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

(A) the co-owners of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle; jointly

(B) the President of the Pittsburgh Penguins, David Morehouse; and

(C) the Head Coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mike Sullivan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 240—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2017 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. NELSON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 240

Whereas, on June 27, 2017, the University of Florida Gators won the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association College World Series after sweeping the Louisiana State University Tigers 2-0 in the series in Omaha, Nebraska;

Whereas the University of Florida baseball team has competed in 11 College World Series tournaments;

Whereas, in winning the 2017 College World Series, the University of Florida baseball team secured the first national championship in baseball and the 39th national championship in a team sport for the University of Florida since the founding of the institution in 1833;

Whereas Head Coach Kevin O'Sullivan won his first national title as Head Coach in his tenth season at the University of Florida;

Whereas pitcher Alex Faedo was named Most Outstanding Player of the 2017 College World Series;

Whereas outfielder Alex Langworthy, pitcher Alex Faedo, and pitcher Brady Singer were named to the 2017 College World Series All-Tournament Team; and

Whereas the University of Florida is only the sixth school to win a national championship in baseball, football, and basketball; and

Whereas the University of Florida Gators baseball team is the 2017 Division I National Champion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Florida for winning the 2017 National Collegiate Athletic Association College World Series;

(2) recognizes the achievement and dedication of all players, coaches, and support staff who contributed to winning the national championship;

(3) congratulates the citizens of Florida, the University of Florida, and Florida Gators fans everywhere; and

(4) requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Dr. W. Kent Fuchs, President of the University of Florida;

(B) Scott Stricklin, Director of Athletics at the University of Florida; and

(C) Kevin O'Sullivan, Head Coach of the University of Florida baseball team.

SENATE RESOLUTION 241—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MANCHIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. TESTER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. MORAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. NELSON, Mr. DONNELLY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day. I am pleased to have been joined in sponsoring this resolution by the senior Senator from West Virginia, Senator Manchin, and 25 of our Senate colleagues.

The Purple Heart's history goes as far back as the founding of our Nation. General George Washington established what is now known as the Purple Heart Medal when he issued an order establishing the Military Badge of Merit on August 7, 1782. General Washington wished for the award to be used to recognize meritorious action performed by members of the Continental Army, and it took the form of a purple heart.

The Military Badge of Merit was discontinued after the Revolution and was

not revived until 1932, when the Purple Heart medal was authorized as its official successor decoration. On February 22, 1932, the 200th Anniversary of the birth of George Washington, then-Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur resurrected the award, and it was redesignated as the Purple Heart. Quite appropriately, this reestablished Purple Heart Medal exhibits the bust and profile of George Washington.

It is around this time that the Purple Heart became synonymous with those unfortunate heroes who were killed or wounded in combat. Since 1932, the U.S. Military has awarded more than 1.8 million Purple Hearts.

Mr. President, just as the Purple Heart Medal has held a special meaning to its millions of recipients and their families, it also has special significance to my family. My father is a World War II veteran who was wounded twice during the Battle of the Bulge in Europe. He earned two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star, and it was from him that I first learned to honor and respect our veterans.

The Purple Heart is a reminder that freedom is a gift purchased at the greatest possible price, and it is for that reason that I introduce this resolution. It is vitally important for all Americans to learn the history of this important military award, and understand and honor the sacrifices of the many men and women in uniform who have earned the Purple Heart. I am grateful to all of my colleagues who joined me in supporting this resolution.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. RES. 241

Whereas, on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, General George Washington established what is now known as the Purple Heart Medal when he issued an order establishing the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the Badge of Military Merit was designed in the shape of a heart in purple cloth or silk;

Whereas, while the award of the Badge of Military Merit ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, the Purple Heart Medal was authorized in 1932 as the official successor decoration to the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest United States military decoration in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart Medal is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to recognize members of the Armed Forces who are killed or wounded in action against an enemy of the United States or are killed or wounded while held as prisoners of war;

Whereas the Purple Heart Medal has been awarded to an estimated 1,800,000 recipients; and

Whereas August 7, 2017, is an appropriate day to celebrate as National Purple Heart Recognition Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day; and