

the finest young women anyone will ever meet: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) takes great pride in congratulating Carrie Underwood of Checotah, Oklahoma, for winning the television program “American Idol”; and

(2) thanks Carrie Underwood for being a positive public role model and representing Oklahoma so superbly before an audience of millions of television viewers in this nation and around the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 158—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD DESIGNATE THE WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11, 2005, AS “NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK”

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 158

Whereas there are 105 historically Black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities provide the quality education essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in the history of the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically Black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK.

(a) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that the President should designate the week beginning September 11, 2005, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”.

(b) **PROCLAMATION.**—The Senate requests the President to issue a proclamation—

(1) designating the week beginning September 11, 2005, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”; and

(2) calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically Black colleges and universities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 159—RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES

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

S. RES. 159

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded and incorporated in the State of Oklahoma on January 13, 1955;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded by independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership is still comprised of independent producers, both large and small;

Whereas the founders of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is the largest oil and gas advocacy group in the State, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration and production industry and affiliated businesses;

Whereas the mission of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is to enhance and protect the ability of independent oil and natural gas producers in Oklahoma to conduct their business and to ensure energy supply;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is a rarity in State oil and gas associations, with a full-time governmental affairs specialist and a full-time regulatory affairs specialist working with agencies that regulate the oil and gas industry;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is a proactive and diverse organization striving to provide a broad range of services to its members and the industry it supports;

Whereas the leaders of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association have worked successfully on behalf of Oklahoma independent producers on State and national issues, advocating for State and national governmental policies that protect and enhance the ability of Oklahoma independent producers to do business; and

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association will continue to look toward the future by forging alliances within the oil and gas industry and with other organizations devoted to a more prosperous Oklahoma: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association;

(2) congratulates the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association for its 50-year history of contributions to the oil and gas industry of Oklahoma and the United States;

(3) recognizes that the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset in developing and promoting the oil and gas industry in the United States; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association as an expression of appreciation and for public display at the 50th annual meeting of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 39—TO EXPRESS THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE PURPLE HEART

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 39

Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or are wounded while held by an enemy force as prisoners of war, and posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force or who die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting tribute to George Washington and to the more than 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart, approximately 550,000 of whom are still living: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

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

(2) encourages all people of the United States to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipients; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for people who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 40—RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE FOR THE HISTORIC EFFORTS AND SUCCESSSES OF THE PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE IN REDUCING THE THREAT POSED BY ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THEIR MEANS OF DELIVERY, AND RELATED MATERIALS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROLIFERATION SECURITY INITIATIVE

Mr. LUGAR submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 40

Whereas, on May 31, 2003, at Wawel Royal Castle, Krakow, Poland, President George W. Bush declared that “today I announce a new