

will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved* that Senator Harry Reid is authorized to testify in the case of *E.M. Gunderson v. Neil G. Galatz*, except when his attendance at the Senate is necessary for the performance of his legislative duties and except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

Sec. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator Harry Reid in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 433—HONORING THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FOR THE 140 YEARS OF SERVICE THAT IT HAS PROVIDED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR ANIMALS**

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 433

Whereas April 10, 2006, marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (referred to in this preamble as “ASPCA”);

Whereas ASPCA has provided services to millions of citizens of the United States and their animals since Henry Bergh established the society in New York City in 1866;

Whereas ASPCA was the first humane society established in the western hemisphere;

Whereas ASPCA teaches children the character-building virtues of compassion, kindness, and respect for all of God’s creatures;

Whereas the dedicated directors, staff, and volunteers of ASPCA have provided shelter, medical care, behavioral counseling, and placement for abandoned, abused, or homeless animals in the United States for more than a century; and

Whereas ASPCA, through its observance of April as “Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month”, its Animal Poison Control Center, and its promotion of humane animal treatment through programs dedicated to law enforcement, education, shelter outreach, legislative affairs, counseling, veterinary services, and behavioral training, has provided invaluable services to the citizens of the United States and their animals: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for its 140 years of service to the citizens of the United States and their animals; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the president of The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 86—DIRECTING THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY EXHIBIT IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES IN OPERATION AND IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM**

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. CON. RES. 86

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),*

**SECTION 1. EXHIBIT IN ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL IN HONOR OF MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES KILLED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY EXHIBIT.—During the period beginning on May 29, 2006, and ending on July 4, 2006, the Architect of the Capitol shall display in the rotunda of the Capitol an exhibit to honor the memory of the members of the United States Armed Forces who have lost their lives in—

- (1) Operation Iraqi Freedom; and
- (2) Operation Enduring Freedom.

(b) FORM OF EXHIBIT.—The exhibit displayed under this section shall be in such form and contain such material as the Architect may select, so long as—

- (1) the exhibit displays the name, photograph, and biographical information with respect to each individual member of the United States Armed Forces who has lost his or her life in the Operations referred to in subsection (a); and
- (2) the exhibit provides—

(A) an opportunity for visitors to write messages of support and sympathy to the families of the individuals represented in the exhibit; and

(B) a means to ensure that those messages are transmitted to the families.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 87—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT UNITED STATES INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS MUST BE PROTECTED GLOBALLY**

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

S. CON. RES. 87

Whereas the United States is the world’s largest creator, producer, and exporter of copyrighted materials;

Whereas this important sector of the United States economy continues to be at great risk due to the widespread unauthorized reproduction, distribution, and sale of copyrighted United States works, including motion pictures, home video and television programming, music and sound recordings, books, video games, and software;

Whereas estimates point to a rate of intellectual property piracy of between 70 to 90 percent in some countries, with annual losses to the United States economy in the billions of dollars;

Whereas the major copyright industries are responsible for an estimated 6 percent of the Nation’s total gross domestic product and an annual employment rate of more than 3 percent;

Whereas strong overseas sales and exports by the major copyright industries are even more important as the United States trade deficit continues to increase, and as the United States economy grows more reliant on the generation of intellectual property and in services related thereto;

Whereas the Congress is greatly concerned about the failure of some of the trading partners of the United States to meet their international obligations with respect to intellectual property protection;

Whereas in the Russian Federation, perpetrators of piracy, including one of the largest commercial Internet pirates in the world, are permitted to operate without meaningful hindrance from the Russian Government, and a number of factories located on government property produce pirated products;

Whereas the Russian Federation is now considering the adoption of a civil code that would annul the country’s existing intellectual property law, and incorporate principles that do not conform to its international obligations;

Whereas the Senate and the House of Representatives have both overwhelmingly passed legislation expressing the sense of the Congress that the Russian Federation must significantly improve the protection of intellectual property as part of its effort to accede to the World Trade Organization and to maintain eligibility in the generalized system of preferences (GSP) program;

Whereas markets in the People’s Republic of China are replete with pirated versions of United States movies, sound recordings, business software, and video games, resulting in over \$2,000,000,000 in losses each year to the United States economy;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China has made a number of commitments to the United States which it has yet to meet, including pledges to significantly reduce piracy rates, increase criminal prosecutions of intellectual property rights infringements, reduce exports of infringing goods, improve national police coordination, and join global Internet treaties;

Whereas the People’s Republic of China and the Russian Federation export thousands of pirated versions of products of the United States to other countries;

Whereas Mexico has a strong market for pirated goods, with thousands of street vendors offering pirated products throughout the country;

Whereas Canada has become a source of camcorder piracy, has failed to bring its copyright law into conformity with international standards, and has failed to adequately prevent pirated products from other parts of the world from entering the country;

Whereas India can further improve copyright protections, particularly with regard to enforcement, deterrent sentencing, and coordination of national efforts;

Whereas Malaysia continues to be a leading source of pirated entertainment software and other copyrighted materials produced for export; and

Whereas steps must be taken to ensure that the rights of creators and distributors are protected abroad and that creative industries in the United States continue to flourish: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—