

there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 488) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 488

Whereas the youths of the United States will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy;

Whereas youths need a safe haven from various negative influences, such as child abuse, substance abuse, and crime, and youths need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the youths of the Nation;

Whereas the Safe Place program is committed to protecting the youths of the United States, the Nation's most valuable asset, by offering short term safe places at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise young people seeking assistance and guidance;

Whereas the Safe Place program combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations to reach young people in the early stages of crisis;

Whereas the Safe Place program provides a direct way to assist programs in meeting performance standards relative to outreach and community relations, as set forth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.);

Whereas the Safe Place placard displayed at businesses within communities stands as a beacon of safety and refuge to at-risk youths;

Whereas more than 900 communities in 41 States make the Safe Place program available at nearly 16,000 locations;

Whereas more than 200,000 youths have gone to Safe Place locations to get help when faced with crisis situations and have received counseling by phone as a result of Safe Place information the youths received at school;

Whereas, through the efforts of Safe Place coordinators across the United States, each year more than 500,000 students learn in a classroom presentation that the Safe Place program is a resource they can turn to if they encounter an abusive or neglectful situation, and 1,000,000 Safe Place information cards are distributed; and

Whereas increased awareness of the Safe Place program will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations for the youths of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of March 16 through March 22, 2008, as "National Safe Place Week"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States and interested groups to—

(A) promote awareness of, and volunteer involvement in, the Safe Place program; and

(B) observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

PUBLIC RADIO RECOGNITION MONTH

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 489.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 489) designating April 2008 as Public Radio Recognition Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be and preamble be agreed to bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 489) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 489

Whereas the mission of public radio is to create a more informed public—one that is challenged and invigorated by a deeper understanding and appreciation of events, ideas, and cultures;

Whereas the programming and content created and distributed by public radio is based upon three core values—qualities of mind, qualities of heart and qualities of craft—and exemplifies the inherent meaning of localism by placing value and financial investment in local and regional assets to gather and distribute a collection of programming that informs and improves community;

Whereas public radio is known for distinctive, award-winning programming including Morning Edition, All Things Considered, A Prairie Home Companion, Marketplace, Speaking of Faith, and This American Life;

Whereas the United States' more than 800 public radio stations serve every State and every congressional district with news, information, cultural, and music programming that is unique to free radio;

Whereas some 33 million Americans listen each week to public radio programming;

Whereas the public radio audience has doubled in the past 15 years and increased by some 70 percent in the past decade;

Whereas public radio stations are licensed by community foundations, colleges, universities, school boards, libraries, and other local non-profit entities;

Whereas public radio stations are locally licensed, locally staffed, and locally programmed, and tailor their programming to meet the needs of local audiences;

Whereas public radio stations receive, on average, more than 85 percent of their annual funding from local sources;

Whereas public radio's public service also finds expression through a deep, rich music discovery, education and enrichment experience—both for its audience and for performers, singer-songwriters, musicians, lyricists, and composers—which places the highest emphasis on a value partnership with performers to bring all facets of music into the lives of its audience in a way that is found nowhere else;

Whereas public radio has preserved and enhanced the archetypal musical formats of American music history—jazz, classical, folk, blue grass, the blues, Celtic—and regards these formats as the priceless family treasures of public radio's musical foundations;

Whereas public radio is responding to its commitment to community and fact-based journalism with several initiatives including the Local News Initiative, a national effort to increase public radio's service to commu-

nities through investments in station capacity to provide in-depth, serious, and balanced news and Public Insight Journalism, a pioneering concept that uses citizens to help cover the news by sharing their observations, knowledge, and expertise;

Whereas public radio has embraced digital broadcasting technology because of its inherently inclusive nature and potential to expand public service programming; and

Whereas public radio exists to serve the public interest: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the month of April 2008 shall be known as Public Radio Recognition Month, during which time all of America's public radio stations shall be celebrated for their contributions to our Nation's communities and enduring civic spirit.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR HOWARD METZENBAUM

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 485 relating to the death of former Senator Howard Metzenbaum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 485) relative to the death of Howard Metzenbaum, former United States Senator from the State of Ohio.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that Senator SHERROD BROWN be added as an original cosponsor of the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, Senator Howard Metzenbaum was a progressive visionary whose strong support for America's workers and consumers left a lasting mark on our Nation. His determination to stand for a more just America in the Senate was an inspiration to me and everyone with whom he served. His influence and the example he set still resound strongly in the Senate chamber today.

I deeply appreciate how much support and guidance Senator Metzenbaum gave to me when I came to the Senate in 1993. He had a wonderful way of bringing progressives in Congress together, and I will always be very grateful for that.

He was a force to be reckoned with on the Senate floor—earning the nickname "Senator No" through ingenious tactics to stop legislation that threatening to hurt American workers and consumers. He was known for never backing down from a Senate floor fight, and his opposition spelled trouble for almost any bill.

America's workers had no better friend and ally in Congress than Senator Metzenbaum, who sponsored the law requiring 60 days advance notice for a plant closing. Whenever Congress acts to help those American workers struggling in a difficult economy, we are building on Senator Metzenbaum's legacy.

He also took on Washington's most powerful interests in an unrelenting

push to stop the wasteful spending that destroys the public's trust in elected officials. In this way, former Senator Metzenbaum laid the ground work for those of us who continue the fight to rein in wasteful government spending. His later service as the chairman of the Consumer Federation of America was a testament to his strong commitment to consumer advocacy.

Howard Metzenbaum was such a distinguished Member of this body, both because he served the people of Ohio so well, and because he set such an outstanding example of courage and commitment to those of us who had the privilege to serve with him. I join my colleagues, the State of Ohio, and the entire Nation in paying tribute to this great American.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 485) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 485

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 8 years in the Ohio State Legislature;

Whereas Howard Metzenbaum served the people of Ohio with distinction for 18 years in the United States Senate;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it stand in recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Howard Metzenbaum.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have spent a lot of time today with the President's Chief of Staff, Josh Bolten. I have said before, he is a very pleasant man. We worked for a long time today trying to work ourselves through the nominations. I think we made great progress. I think we have teed things up to do even more when we come back after 2 weeks.

To show my good faith, when Mr. Bolten said he wanted to work with us, I approved Mr. Filip, who the Attorney General said was very important to him. Judge Filip left a Federal judgeship and is now acting as the Attorney General's Chief of Staff, for lack of a better word.

So we have made progress. And even through this that we have done today, I, in good faith, threw in some people I thought were important, even though we did not have them done—and that was not part of the original deal—and that was to confirm the head of the Internal Revenue Service. But we have done that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. So, Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: 401, 402, 404, 428, 429, 430, 431, 440, 441, 450, 452, 460, 461, 463, 464, 465, 467, 468, 469, 470, 475, 480, 481 through 489, 490 through 507, 509, 511 through 515, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2011.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Kristine L. Svinicki, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term of five years expiring June 30, 2012.

Gregory B. Jaczko, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a term of five years expiring June 30, 2013.

REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

Thomas C. Carper, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Nancy A. Naples, of New York, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Ondray T. Harris, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, for a term of four years.

David W. Hagy, of Texas, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice.

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

John E. Osborn, of Delaware, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Elizabeth F. Bagley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Ana M. Guevara, of Florida, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Goli Ameri, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

UNITED STATES TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Larry Woodrow Walther, of Arkansas, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

David J. Kramer, of Massachusetts, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jeffrey J. Grieco, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James Francis Moriarty, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

William Joseph Hawe, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four year.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Douglas H. Shulman, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the term prescribed by law.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the