

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

WORLD VETERINARY YEAR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 583.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 583) expressing support for designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 4657) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 4657

(Purpose: To amend the resolving clause)

In paragraph (3) of the resolving clause, strike "requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon" and insert "urges".

The resolution (S. Res. 583), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 583

Whereas the first veterinary school in the world was founded in Lyon, France, in 1761;

Whereas 2011 will mark the 250th anniversary of veterinary education and the founding of the veterinary medical profession;

Whereas 2011 will mark the beginnings of comparative biopathology, a basic tenet of the "one health" concept;

Whereas veterinarians have played an integral role in discovering the causes of numerous diseases that affect the people of the United States, such as salmonellosis, West Nile Virus, yellow fever, and malaria;

Whereas veterinarians provide valuable public health service through preventive medicine, control of zoonotic diseases, and scientific research;

Whereas veterinarians have advanced human and animal health by inventing and refining techniques and instrumentations such as artificial hips, bone plates, splints, and arthroscopy;

Whereas veterinarians play an integral role in protecting the quality and security of the herd and food supply of the Nation;

Whereas military veterinarians provide crucial assistance to the agricultural independence of developing nations around the world;

Whereas disaster relief veterinarians provide public health service and veterinary medical support to animals and humans displaced and ravaged by disasters;

Whereas veterinarians are dedicated to preserving the human-animal bond and pro-

moting the highest standards of science-based, ethical animal welfare;

Whereas 2011 would be an appropriate year to designate as "World Veterinary Year" to bring attention to and show appreciation for the veterinary profession on its 250th anniversary; and

Whereas colleagues in the United States will join veterinarians from around the world to celebrate this momentous occasion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of 2011 as "World Veterinary Year";

(2) supports the goals and ideals of World Veterinary Year of bringing attention to and expressing appreciation for the contributions that the veterinary profession has made and continues to make to animal health, public health, animal welfare, and food safety; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to observe 2011 as World Veterinary Year with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

UNITED STATES ENGAGEMENT WITH ASEAN AND ITS MEMBER-STATES

OBSERVING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE RITA

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH

NATIONAL NURSE-MANAGED HEALTH CLINIC WEEK

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 640, S. Res. 641, S. Res. 642, and S. Res. 643.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 640, 641, 642, and 643) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, read as follows:

S. RES. 640

Whereas the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was founded in 1967 "to strengthen further the existing bonds of regional solidarity and cooperation";

Whereas ASEAN membership has now expanded to include 10 countries, which together span over half the size of the continental United States, with a total population of nearly 600,000,000 persons;

Whereas ASEAN is an important contributor to stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas ASEAN partners with the United States Government and others in the international community to address

transnational problems like terrorism, environmental degradation, the international financial crisis, and maritime security;

Whereas the ASEAN Charter, approved by Southeast Asia's leaders in November 2007, codified norms for the behavior of ASEAN member-states toward their own citizens, covering such subjects as individual rights, democracy, the rule of law, and good governance;

Whereas the combined economy of ASEAN's member countries, valued at approximately \$1,500,000,000,000 in 2008, constitutes the fourth largest market for United States exports, and two-way United States-ASEAN trade in goods and services totaled over \$200,000,000,000 in 2008;

Whereas Southeast Asia is the largest destination for United States foreign direct investment in Asia;

Whereas almost 40,000 students from ASEAN countries studied in the United States in 2008, and an increasing number of United States citizens are studying abroad in these countries;

Whereas the United States Government recognizes the centrality of ASEAN to regional cooperation and problem-solving in the Asia Pacific;

Whereas the United States was the first country to appoint an Ambassador to ASEAN;

Whereas the United States acceded to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia during the July 2009 ASEAN ministerial meetings in Thailand;

Whereas the United States launched a new collaboration with the Lower Mekong Countries—Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam—in the areas of the environment, health, and education in July 2009 in Thailand;

Whereas President Barack Obama stated at the first meeting of the leaders of ASEAN and the United States held in Singapore in November 2009, "The United States is committed to strengthening its engagement in Southeast Asia both with our individual allies and partners, and with ASEAN as an institution.";

Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said at the July 2010 ASEAN ministerial meetings in Vietnam that the United States was "committed to assisting the nations of Southeast Asia to remain strong and independent, and [to helping ensure] that each nation enjoys peace, stability, prosperity, and access to universal human rights";

Whereas Secretary of State Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates have stated the intention of the United States to increase participation in regional institutions, including the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN Defense Ministers Meeting Plus Eight, both to be held in October 2010 in Vietnam; and

Whereas the second meeting of ASEAN and United States Government leaders, and the first to be hosted by the United States, will take place in New York City, New York on September 24, 2010: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to welcome the leaders of ASEAN to the United States for the second ASEAN-United States summit meeting;

(2) that the decision to host the second ASEAN-United States summit in New York City reflects the importance of ASEAN and its member-states to the United States, and the importance of the United States to ASEAN and its member-states;

(3) that the United States Government should continue to seek ways to broaden and deepen its economic, political-security, social, and cultural engagement with the countries in Southeast Asia toward a closer partnership with ASEAN and its member-states,

as well as other regional institutions in the Asia-Pacific region;

(4) that the United States Government is committed to working with all ASEAN member-states to encourage the development of open and free democratic institutions in Burma that allow for the full participation of political opposition and ethnic minority groups; and

(5) that a stronger, more integrated ASEAN serves shared interests in regional peace, stability, and prosperity.

S. RES. 641

Whereas on September 24, 2005, Hurricane Rita made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane just east of the Texas-Louisiana border, between Sabine Pass and Johnson's Bayou, with wind speeds of 120 miles per hour, and further devastated the Gulf Coast, which had already been hit by Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas Hurricane Rita caused 7 deaths, forced 3,000,000 residents to evacuate their homes, caused flooding and tornadoes in the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama, and, according to the National Climatic Data Center, left 1,000,000 people without electricity;

Whereas damages from Hurricane Rita are estimated at \$11,300,000,000;

Whereas in 2005, Hurricane Rita was the second hurricane to reach Category 5 status in the Gulf of Mexico, which, according to the National Climatic Data Center, is only the third time that more than one Category 5 storm has formed in the Atlantic in the same year;

Whereas the storm surge from Hurricane Rita was as high as 15 feet near the landfall site and, according to the United States Geological Survey, traveled as far as 50 miles inland, causing disastrous flooding and massive loss of property;

Whereas tens of thousands of homes and businesses in the States of Louisiana and Texas were destroyed by the flooding; and

Whereas the National Wetlands Center of the United States Geological Survey indicates that 217 square miles of the coastal land of the State of Louisiana were transformed to water after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) observes the 5th anniversary of the date on which Hurricane Rita devastated the coasts of the States of Louisiana and Texas;

(2) expresses the support of the Senate to the survivors of Hurricane Rita and the condolences of the Senate to the families of the victims of Hurricane Rita;

(3) commends the courageous efforts of those who assisted in the response to the storm and the recovery process;

(4) recognizes the contributions the affected communities in the States of Louisiana and Texas have made to the United States; and

(5) reaffirms the commitment of the Senate to rebuild, renew, and restore the Gulf Coast region.

S. RES. 642

Whereas, in 1983, the Institute of Medicine recommended that nursing research be included in biomedical and behavioral science research;

Whereas the Health Research Extension Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-158; 99 Stat. 820) established the National Center for Nursing Research (referred to in this preamble as the "Center") within the National Institutes of Health to disseminate information related to basic and clinical nursing research;

Whereas the National Center for Nursing Research excelled in carrying out the purpose of the Center to provide research training and fellowships in the areas of disease prevention, health promotion, and nursing care for individuals with acute and chronic

illnesses and the families of those individuals;

Whereas Congress, recognizing the contributions of the National Center for Nursing Research to improving quality care and health, redesignated the Center as the National Institute of Nursing Research (referred to in this preamble as the "NINR") through the enactment of the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-43; 107 Stat. 122);

Whereas the research focus of the NINR for the 25 years prior to the approval of this resolution has resulted in advances in nursing science at all stages of the lifespan of an individual;

Whereas the mission of the NINR is to promote and improve the health of individuals, families, communities, and vulnerable populations of the United States;

Whereas the NINR views nursing science as the cornerstone for integrating biological and behavioral sciences, exploring innovations, and improving research methods;

Whereas research funded by the NINR has improved the health outcomes and enhanced the quality of life of the people of the United States by managing disease and relieving symptoms of disease;

Whereas the NINR is committed to helping to eliminate the health disparities facing minority and disadvantaged populations across the United States;

Whereas the NINR holds the principal responsibility for end-of-life research conducted at the National Institutes of Health; and

Whereas the NINR spends a remarkable 7 percent of the budget of the NINR on training new researchers, ensuring that the number of nurse scientists and the faculty educating the next generation of professional nursing students continues to grow: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the National Institute of Nursing Research on the occasion of its 25th anniversary; and

(2) commends the National Institute of Nursing Research for its ongoing support of nursing research, which is integral to the health of the people of the United States.

S. RES. 643

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics are nonprofit community-based health care sites that offer primary care and wellness services based on the nursing model;

Whereas the nursing model emphasizes the protection, promotion, and optimization of health as well as the prevention of illness and the alleviation of suffering along with diagnosis and treatment;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics are led by advanced practice nurses and staffed by an interdisciplinary team of highly qualified health care professionals;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics offer a broad scope of services that may include treatment for acute and chronic illnesses, routine physical exams, immunizations for adults and children, disease screenings, health education, prenatal care, dental care, and drug and alcohol treatment;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics have a proven track record, as the first federally funded nurse-managed health clinic was created more than 30 years prior to the date of approval of this resolution;

Whereas, as of the date of approval of this resolution, more than 200 nurse-managed health clinics provide care across the United States and record over 2,000,000 client encounters annually;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics serve a unique dual role as both safety net access points and health workforce development sites, given that the majority of nurse-

managed health clinics are affiliated with schools of nursing and serve as clinical education sites for health professions students;

Whereas nurse-managed health clinics strengthen the health care safety net by expanding access to primary care and chronic disease management services for vulnerable and medically underserved populations in diverse rural, urban, and suburban communities;

Whereas research has shown that nurse-managed health clinics experience high patient retention and patient satisfaction rates, and nurse-managed health clinic patients experience higher rates of generic medication fills and lower hospitalization rates when compared to similar safety net providers; and

Whereas the use of nurse-managed health clinics offering both primary care and wellness services will help meet this increased demand in a cost-effective manner: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning October 3, 2010, as "National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week";

(2) supports the ideals and goals of National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week; and

(3) encourages the expansion of nurse-managed health clinics so that nurse-managed health clinics may continue to serve as health care workforce development sites for the next generation of primary care providers.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, appoints the following individuals as members of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Charles Massarone of Kentucky and Andy Nimmo of Missouri.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the Public Law 110-298, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Richard Gardner of Nevada.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the Public Law 110-298, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Nick DiMarco of Ohio.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 24; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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