

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. REED):

S. Res. 609. A resolution calling for the immediate and unconditional release of United States citizen Alan Phillip Gross from detention in Cuba and urging the Government of Cuba to address his medical issues; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. Res. 610. A resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 543

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to restrict any State or local jurisdiction from imposing a new discriminatory tax on cell phone services, providers, or property.

S. 1880

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1880, a bill to repeal the health care law's job-killing health insurance tax.

S. 1897

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1897, a bill to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes.

S. 2178

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2178, a bill to require the Federal Government to expedite the sale of underutilized Federal real property.

S. 2318

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. FRANKEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2318, a bill to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals, and for other purposes.

S. 3472

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California

(Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3472, a bill to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act.

S. 3575

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3575, a bill to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to provide equal treatment of LGBT older individuals.

S. 3616

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the expansion of tax benefits for adoption enacted in 2001 and to permanently reinstate the expansion of tax benefits for adoption enacted in 2010, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 595

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the names of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 595, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 609—CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF UNITED STATES CITIZEN ALAN PHILLIP GROSS FROM DETENTION IN CUBA AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA TO ADDRESS HIS MEDICAL ISSUES

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HELLER, Mr. KOHL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. TOOMEY, and Mr. REED of Rhode Island) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 609

Whereas, Alan Phillip Gross, a citizen of the United States, was born in New York on May 2, 1949, and is a resident of the State of Maryland;

Whereas Mr. Gross has devoted his professional life to helping others through his work in international development and has served in more than 50 countries and territories worldwide;

Whereas, in 2001, Mr. Gross founded JBDC, LLC to support Internet connectivity in locations with little or no access;

Whereas, on February 10, 2009, JBDC, LLC received a subcontract with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID);

Whereas, working as a subcontractor for the United States Agency for International Development, Mr. Gross sought to establish wireless networks and improve Internet and Intranet access and connectivity for a small, peaceful, non-dissident, Cuban Jewish community;

Whereas Mr. Gross made 5 trips to Cuba in furtherance of the United States Agency for International Development project he was subcontracted to support;

Whereas the last time Mr. Gross was in the United States was on November 24, 2009;

Whereas Mr. Gross was arrested on December 3, 2009, in Havana, Cuba;

Whereas Mr. Gross was detained without charge for 14 months;

Whereas Mr. Gross was charged in February 2011 with "actions against the independence or the territorial integrity of the state";

Whereas Mr. Gross's trial lasted only 2 days, after which he was sentenced to 15 years in prison;

Whereas Mr. Gross and his wife Judy have 2 daughters, one of which was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2010;

Whereas Mr. Gross's 90-year old mother was diagnosed with inoperable cancer in February 2011;

Whereas, in 2011, Mr. Gross's wife Judy underwent surgery, causing her to miss considerable time from work and putting further financial strain on their family;

Whereas Mr. Gross is 63 years old and has lost more than 105 pounds since being detained in Cuba;

Whereas Mr. Gross has developed degenerative arthritis in his leg and a mass behind his shoulder;

Whereas the Government of Cuba has denied requests by Mr. Gross for an independent medical examination;

Whereas Mr. Gross's legal representative filed an appeal to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention of the United Nations in August 2012; and

Whereas, since Mr. Gross was detained by the Government of Cuba on December 3, 2009, his health has severely deteriorated and his family members have suffered health and financial problems: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls for the immediate and unconditional release of United States citizen Alan Phillip Gross; and

(2) urges the Government of Cuba in the meantime to provide all appropriate diagnostic and medical treatment to address the full range of medical issues facing Mr. Gross and to allow him to choose a doctor to provide him with an independent medical assessment.

SENATE RESOLUTION 610—COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 610

Whereas the United States is a world leader in science, technology, engineering, and