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AMENDMENT NO. 2519

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2519 intended to be proposed to H.R. 22, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. KIRK:

S. 1863. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Timothy Nugent, in recognition of his pioneering work on behalf of people with disabilities, including disabled veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, today I wish to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA, as well as Timothy Nugent, who has spent the past 70 years as a relentless innovator and tireless advocate for disabled people across the country. Together with Congressman RODNEY DAVIS, I have introduced a bill that would award Mr. Nugent with the Congressional Gold Medal. Mr. Nugent and the ADA have helped millions of Americans live better, more productive lives, improving the United States overall, and making us an example for the world to follow.

Timothy Nugent saw a need for services and accommodations for disabled servicemen when they came home from the battlefields of World War II. Mr. Nugent founded the first higher educational program for wounded and disabled soldiers in the world, and he confronted the bias of the general public by bringing students with disabilities into the mainstream of college campuses and societies. Because of Mr. Nugent's leadership and commitment, the University of Illinois built accommodations for the disabled veteran and created a hospitable environment for our Nation's greatest heroes, providing them the same educational opportunities as others. He also disproved many in the medical community who believed that either rehabilitation and sporting activities were harmful to individuals with severe disabilities or that education was not necessary because of the beliefs at the time was that the lifespan of persons with spinal cord injuries would be too short for them to benefit from college degrees.

Many of the architectural accessibility standards and laws of the United States, including the welcoming Americans with Disabilities Act, trace back directly to innovations created by Nugent. I know firsthand how impor-

tant this law and Mr. Nugent's actions are to the University of Illinois and the community of 50 million Americans living with a disabilities. Laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act allow all Americans to live life on their own terms, and Mr. Nugent's work on behalf of these individuals is well-deserving of the Congressional Gold Medal.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 230—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 25, 2015, AS "NATIONAL LOBSTER DAY"

Mr. KING (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. REED, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. MURPHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 230

Whereas lobster from the United States is recognized around the world as a prized culinary delicacy;

Whereas lobster fishing has served as an economic engine and a family tradition in the United States for centuries;

Whereas thousands of families in the United States make their livelihoods from lobster fishing and processing;

Whereas more than 120,000,000 pounds of lobster are caught each year in waters of the United States, representing one of the Nation's most valuable catches;

Whereas the lobster industry is booming abroad, with profits climbing from \$335,800,000 in 2009 to \$738,600,000 in 2014;

Whereas historical lore notes that lobster likely joined turkey on the table at the very first Thanksgiving Day feast in 1621;

Whereas responsible lobstering practices, beginning in the 1600s, have created one of the world's most sustainable fisheries;

Whereas Lobster Newburg was featured on the menu at the inaugural dinner celebration for President John F. Kennedy;

Whereas lobsters are one of the most healthy and nutritious sources of protein;

Whereas the peak of the lobstering season in the United States occurs in the late summer;

Whereas lobster has become a culinary icon, with the lobster roll being featured at the 2015 World Food Expo in Milan, Italy; and

Whereas lobster is featured on more and more restaurant menus, growing by 35 percent from 2009 to 2013: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 25, 2015, as "National Lobster Day"; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 231—HONORING THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF THE TWO LOUISIANA CITIZENS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES, RECOGNIZING THE HEROISM OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND THOSE ON THE SCENE, AND CONDEMNING THE ATTACK OF JULY 23, 2015, IN LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CASIDY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN,

Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COONS, Mr. CORKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. ERNST, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. HELLER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MORAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SASSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. UDALL, Mr. WARNER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 231

Whereas on July 23, 2015, a gunman perpetrated a horrific attack at the Grand Theatre 16 movie theatre in Lafayette, Louisiana, killing two Louisiana citizens;

Whereas Jillian Johnson, of Lafayette, Louisiana, a Lafayette businesswoman, musician, and wife, who served her community with kindness and grace, was killed;

Whereas Mayci Breaux, of Franklin, Louisiana, a student preparing for a career as an ultrasound and radiology technician, who served her community with compassion and enthusiasm, was also killed;

Whereas nine Louisiana citizens were injured in the course of this senseless attack;

Whereas the swift and courageous response by those in the theater and law enforcement officers and first responders prevented additional loss of life; and

Whereas the people of the United States stand united with the community of Lafayette and the families of the victims to support all those affected and pray for healing and peace: Now therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the attack of July 23, 2015, in Lafayette, Louisiana;

(2) honors the memory of the two Louisiana citizens who lost their lives;

(3) recognizes the skill and heroism of the law enforcement officers, members of the Armed Forces, and first responders who came to the aid of others;

(4) commends the efforts of those who are working to care for the injured and investigate this horrific incident;

(5) extends its heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of the victims, and to all those affected in the community of Lafayette and in the United States; and

(6) pledges to continue to work together to prevent future attacks.