

Whereas Gordie Howe retired from professional hockey in 1980, having scored 1,850 career points in the NHL, which are the third most of all time;

Whereas Gordie Howe appeared in 23 NHL All-Star games, led the NHL in scoring 6 times, and won the Hart Memorial Trophy as the most valuable player in the league 6 times;

Whereas, in 1997, at the age of 69, Gordie Howe came out of retirement to join the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League and became the first player ever to play professional hockey in 6 different decades;

Whereas the “Gordie Howe hat trick”, a goal, an assist, and a fight in the same game, is named after Gordie Howe, though he had only 2 such games in his career;

Whereas Gordie Howe is considered one of the greatest hockey players of all time and to millions of fans worldwide will always be known as “Mr. Hockey”;

Whereas Gordie Howe was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Colleen Howe, who died in 2009 and was affectionately known as “Mrs. Hockey”;

Whereas Gordie Howe is so beloved throughout the United States and Canada that a new international bridge connecting Detroit and Windsor has been named in his honor;

Whereas, on June 10, 2016, Gordie Howe died at 88 years of age, after a long career enjoyed by millions; and

Whereas Gordie Howe is survived by his 4 children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, a sister, and by hockey fans across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life and legacy of Gordon “Gordie” Howe for his significant contributions to the sport of hockey and the city of Detroit;

(2) expresses its deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Gordie Howe on his passing; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of Gordie Howe.

SENATE RESOLUTION 498—DESIGNATING JUNE 15, 2016, AS “WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MURPHY, and Mr. HELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 498

Whereas Federal Government estimates show that more than 1 in 10 persons over age 60, or 6,000,000 individuals, are victims of elder abuse each year;

Whereas the vast majority of the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults in the United States goes unidentified and unreported;

Whereas only 1 in 44 cases of financial abuse of older adults is reported;

Whereas at least \$2,900,000,000 is taken from older adults each year due to financial abuse and exploitation;

Whereas elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and geographic lines;

Whereas older adults who are abused are 3 times more likely to die earlier than older adults of the same age who are not abused;

Whereas ½ of all older adults with dementia will experience abuse;

Whereas providing unwanted medical treatment can be a form of elder abuse and exploitation;

Whereas public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and reporting of elder abuse by the public, professionals, and victims, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long-term prevention;

Whereas private individuals and public agencies must work together on the Federal, State, and local levels to combat increasing occurrences of abuse, neglect, and exploitation crime and violence against vulnerable older adults and vulnerable adults, particularly in light of limited resources for vital protective services; and

Whereas 2016 is the 11th anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 15, 2016, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day”;

(2) recognizes judges, lawyers, adult protective services professionals, law enforcement officers, long-term care ombudsmen, social workers, health care providers, professional guardians, advocates for victims, and other professionals and agencies for the efforts to advance awareness of elder abuse; and

(3) encourages members of the public and professionals who work with older adults to act as catalysts to promote awareness and long-term prevention of elder abuse by reaching out to local adult protective services agencies, long-term care ombudsman programs, and the National Center on Elder Abuse, and by learning to recognize, detect, report, and respond to elder abuse.

SENATE RESOLUTION 499—CONGRATULATING THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS FOR WINNING THE 2016 STANLEY CUP HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 499

Whereas on June 12, 2016, the Pittsburgh Penguins won the 2016 Stanley Cup hockey championship;

Whereas the Penguins, in their 49th year playing in the National Hockey League (NHL), won their fourth Stanley Cup;

Whereas the Penguins defeated the Western Conference Champion San Jose Sharks in the Stanley Cup Finals, clinching the series with 4 wins and 2 losses;

Whereas the Penguins endured 3 tough opponents en route to the championship, defeating the New York Rangers, the Washington Capitals, and the Tampa Bay Lightning to clinch the Eastern Conference title and win their fifth Prince of Wales Trophy;

Whereas the city of Pittsburgh is fittingly nicknamed “The City of Champions”, highlighting the success of Pittsburgh professional sports teams, which have tallied 15 championships;

Whereas the Penguins have an active sell-out streak of 431 games, illustrating the love of the fans for the Penguins team and players;

Whereas Mike Sullivan took over as Penguins head coach on December 12, 2015, turning around the Penguins season and leading the team to a second-place finish in the Metropolitan Division and a spot in the playoffs;

Whereas NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle have jointly owned the team for 17 years, saving the Penguins

from relocation and maintaining the team for the city of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Penguins General Manager Jim Rutherford made several critical trades to acquire talented players that fit perfectly into the Penguins upbeat style of play, including forwards Phil Kessel, Carl Hagelin, and Nick Bonino, who form the trio affectionately known as the “HBK” line;

Whereas longtime Penguins radio announcer Mike Lange is beloved by loyal fans of the team for such expressions as “Lord Stanley, Lord Stanley, get me the brandy”;

Whereas Penguins Captain Sidney Crosby, who has shown immense leadership, commitment to the team, and unparalleled skill throughout his outstanding career, was awarded the Conn Smythe Trophy as the 2016 NHL Playoffs Most Valuable Player;

Whereas goaltender Matt Murray dazzled throughout the playoffs, maintaining his unbelievably cool composure as a rookie on the biggest stage of hockey while compiling a 15–6 record, a 2.08 goals-against average, and a 0.923 save percentage; and

Whereas the entire Penguins roster contributed to the Stanley Cup victory, including Matt Cullen, Pascal Dupuis, Eric Fehr, Patric Hornqvist, Tom Kuhnhackl, Chris Kunitz, Evgeni Malkin, Bryan Rust, Conor Sheary, Oskar Sundqvist, Ian Cole, Trevor Daley, Brian Dumoulin, Justin Schultz, Kris Letang, Ben Lovejoy, Olli Maatta, Derrick Pouliot, Marc-Andre Fleury, and Jeff Zatkoff: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Pittsburgh Penguins and the loyal fans of the Penguins for becoming the 2016 NHL Stanley Cup champions; and

(2) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the co-owners of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle;

(B) the President of the Pittsburgh Penguins, David Morehouse; and

(C) the Head Coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Mike Sullivan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 500—DESIGNATING JUNE 19, 2016, AS “JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY” IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE 19, 1865, THE DATE ON WHICH SLAVERY LEGALLY CAME TO AN END IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BURR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEE, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REID, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCOTT, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. WARREN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 500

Whereas news of the end of slavery did not reach the frontier areas of the United States, in particular the State of Texas and the other Southwestern States, until months after the conclusion of the Civil War, more than 2 ½ years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863;