

Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 556

Whereas family service learning is a method under which children and families learn and solve problems together in a multi-generational approach with active participation in thoughtfully organized service that—

(1) is conducted in and meets the needs of their communities;

(2) is focused on children and families solving community issues together;

(3) applies college and career readiness skills for children and relevant workforce training skills for adults; and

(4) is coordinated between the community and an elementary school, secondary school, institution of higher education, or family community service program;

Whereas family service learning—

(1) is multi-generational learning that involves parents, children, caregivers, and extended family members in shared learning experiences in physical and digital environments;

(2) is integrated into and enhances the academic achievement of the children or the educational components of a family service program in which the families may be enrolled; and

(3) encompasses skills, such as investigation, planning and preparation, action, reflection, demonstration of results, and sustainability;

Whereas family service learning has been shown to have positive 2-generational effects and encourages families to invest in their communities to improve economic and societal well-being;

Whereas, through family service learning, children and families are offered the opportunity to solve community issues and learn together, thereby enabling the development of life and career skills, such as flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, social and cross-cultural skills, productivity and accountability, and leadership and responsibility;

Whereas family service learning activities provide opportunities for families to improve essential skills, such as organization, research, planning, reading and writing, technology, teamwork, and sharing;

Whereas families participating together in service are afforded quality time learning about their communities;

Whereas adults engaged in family service learning serve as positive role models for their children;

Whereas family service learning projects enable families to build substantive connections with their communities, develop a stronger sense of self-worth, experience a reduction in social isolation, and improve parenting skills;

Whereas family service learning has added benefits for English language learners by helping individuals and families to—

(1) feel more connected with their communities; and

(2) practice language skills;

Whereas family service learning is particularly important for at-risk families because it—

(1) provides opportunities for leadership and civic engagement; and

(2) helps build the capacity to advocate for the needs of children and families; and

Whereas the value that parents place on civic engagement and relationships within the community has been shown to transfer to the child who, in turn, replicates values, such as responsibility, empathy, and caring for others: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of the week of September 12 through September 16, 2016, as “National Family Service Learning Week” to raise public awareness about the importance of family service learning, family literacy, community service, and 2-generational learning experiences;

(2) encourages people across the United States to support family service learning and community development programs;

(3) recognizes the importance that family service learning plays in cultivating family literacy, civic engagement, and community investment; and

(4) calls upon public, private, and nonprofit entities to support family service learning opportunities to aid in the advancement of families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 557—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2016 AS “SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH”

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 557

Whereas approximately 480,000 public and private school buses carry 26,000,000 children to and from school every weekday in the United States;

Whereas America’s 480,000 public and private school buses comprise the largest mass transportation fleet in the Nation;

Whereas during the school year, school buses make more than 55,000,000 passenger trips daily and students ride these school buses 10,000,000,000 times per year as the Nation’s fleet travels over 5,600,000,000 miles per school year;

Whereas in an average year, about 25 school children are killed in school bus accidents, with one-third of these children struck by their own school buses in loading/unloading zones, one-third struck by motorists who fail to stop for school buses, and one-third killed as they approach or depart a school bus stop;

Whereas The Child Safety Network, celebrating 28 years of national public service, has collaborated with the National PTA and the school bus industry to create public service announcements to reduce distracted driving near school buses, increase ridership, and provide free resources to school districts in order to increase driver safety training, provide free technology for tracking school buses, reduce on-board bullying, and educate students; and

Whereas the adoption of School Bus Safety Month will allow broadcast and digital media and social networking industries to make commitments to disseminate public service announcements designed to save children’s lives by making motorists aware of school bus safety issues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates September 2016 as “School Bus Safety Month”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 558—HONORING THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF THE 12 LOUISIANA CITIZENS AND 1 TEXAS CITIZEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DUE TO THE TRAGIC FLOODING IN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IN AUGUST 2016

Mr. CASSIDY (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. LANKFORD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 558

Whereas, during mid-August 2016, a historic flood swept through the southern part of the State of Louisiana, taking the lives of 13 people, damaging over 130,000 homes, displacing thousands of families, and causing over \$8,700,000,000 of material damages;

Whereas William Mayfield, 67, of Zachary, Louisiana, perished on August 12, 2016;

Whereas Linda Coco Bishop, 63, perished on August 14, 2016;

Whereas Brett Broussard, 55, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, perished on August 15, 2016;

Whereas William F. “Bill” Borne, 58, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, perished on August 16, 2016;

Whereas Richard James Jr., 57, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, perished on August 15, 2016;

Whereas Samuel Muse, 54, of Greensburg, Louisiana, perished on August 13, 2016;

Whereas Kenneth Slocum, 59, of Tangipahoa Village, Louisiana, perished on August 14, 2016;

Whereas Earrol Lewis, 49, of Houston, Texas, perished on August 15, 2016;

Whereas Stacy Ruffin, 44, of Roseland, Louisiana, perished on August 13, 2016;

Whereas Alexandra “Ally” Budde, 20, of Hammond, Louisiana, perished on August 14, 2016;

Whereas Ordatha Hoggatt, 57, of Leesville, Louisiana, perished on August 14, 2016;

Whereas an unnamed woman, 93, of Denham Springs, Louisiana, perished on August 17, 2016;

Whereas an unidentified man of Denham Springs, Louisiana, perished on August 17, 2016; and

Whereas the people of the United States stand united with the people of Louisiana and the families of the victims—

(1) to support all individuals affected; and

(2) to pray for healing and restoration:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the memory and legacy of the 12 Louisiana citizens and 1 Texas citizen who lost their lives in the August 2016 flooding;

(2) extends its heartfelt condolences and prayers to the families of the victims and to all affected individuals in the communities of the flooded parishes;

(3) recognizes the skill and sacrifice of the law enforcement officers, first responders, and volunteers who have demonstrated tremendous resolve throughout the recovery;

(4) commends the efforts of individuals who are working to care and provide for the injured and displaced;

(5) applauds the generous support, assistance, and aid provided by people across the United States; and

(6) pledges to continue to work together—

(A) to support Louisiana in its time of need.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5061. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4979 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER)) to the bill S. 2848, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5062. Mr. PERDUE (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4979 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER)) to the bill S. 2848, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.