

(1) a loving husband to Sergeant Ann Marie Dorn;

(2) a father of 5 children;

(3) a grandfather of 10 grandchildren; and

(4) a dedicated public servant;

Whereas David Dorn graduated from Hadley Technical High School before attending St. Louis Community College at Forest Park and Tarkio College to study criminal justice;

Whereas David Dorn began his service with the Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (referred to in this preamble as the "St. Louis Police Department") as a patrol officer in 1969;

Whereas, over the course of his career with the St. Louis Police Department, David Dorn—

(1) performed his duties with distinction and commitment;

(2) rose to the rank of captain; and

(3) acted as the deputy commander of the Bureau of Patrol Support, which oversaw 9 agencies within the St. Louis Police Department;

Whereas David Dorn demonstrated dedication to the city of St. Louis by serving in the St. Louis Police Department for 38 years before retiring in October 2007;

Whereas, on February 12, 2008, David Dorn returned to public service as Chief of Police of the Moline Acres Police Department;

Whereas, after a long career in law enforcement, David Dorn served his community by mentoring and assisting disadvantaged youth;

Whereas, on June 2, 2020, David Dorn responded to the looting of a business owned by a friend;

Whereas, in an act of senseless violence, a gunman opened fire on David Dorn in the course of that robbery, mortally wounding Dorn as Dorn was protecting his community; and

Whereas, on June 4, 2020, the people of St. Louis gathered to honor David Dorn and participated in a march to end violence: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of David Dorn;

(2) recognizes and honors David Dorn as a hero who lived a life of service to his community and others through the pursuit of justice and the protection of individuals in the community; and

(3) expresses deep respect and appreciation for the selfless character and sacrifice of David Dorn.

SENATE RESOLUTION 632—RE-AFFIRMING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR AND RECOGNIZING THE RESTORATION AND ADVANCEMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SECURITY, AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN BOTH NATIONS

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas the United States and Ecuador have enjoyed a history of bilateral partnership and cooperation, and share the aims of promoting democratic values, economic prosperity, and the security of both nations;

Whereas the United States and Ecuador have taken important steps to restore the bilateral relationship between the United

States and Ecuador, including by signing various agreements to strengthen economic ties, security cooperation, and development opportunities;

Whereas President Moreno has signaled Ecuador's commitment to promoting democratic values and has advocated for greater government transparency;

Whereas in February 2018, more than 64 percent of Ecuadorians voted, in a constitutional referendum, to reinstate a 2-term presidential limit, an effort that was carried out by President Moreno's administration and which is indicative of the Ecuadorian people's support for presidential term limits as a reasonable check against a history of corruption and abuse of power;

Whereas the United States-Ecuador bilateral relationship has been historically characterized by strong commercial and investment ties through the Generalized System of Preferences, the United States-Ecuador Trade and Investment Council, and the Treaty between the United States of America and the Republic of Ecuador Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, done at Washington August 27, 1993, which was terminated by Ecuador's previous government, effective May 18, 2018;

Whereas President Moreno's administration has committed to implement economic policies that will lay the groundwork for sustainable economic growth, while protecting the poorest and most vulnerable people;

Whereas, under President Moreno's leadership, there have been significant advances in areas related to freedom of expression, including through the reform of the controversial Ecuadorian Communications Law;

Whereas the Government of Ecuador has called for the peaceful restoration of democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela and Ecuador has been a generous host of approximately 385,000 Venezuelan refugees;

Whereas on May 15, 2019, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Ecuador's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to the return of the USAID Mission to Ecuador after the 53-year program was forced to close in 2014 due to tensions in the bilateral relationship;

Whereas Ecuador has been one of the countries most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America, with more than 42,000 confirmed cases and approximately 3,500 deaths as of June 5, 2020, which has overwhelmed the country's health care system and aggravated the country's already challenging economic situation;

Whereas in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, USAID is providing Ecuador with technical support and training in diagnostics, and technical assistance in clinical management, risk communication, and community engagement; and

Whereas the United States and Ecuador have agreed to advance security cooperation on law enforcement, counternarcotics, anticorruption, and bilateral military training and assistance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms its commitment—

(A) to the historic partnership between the United States and Ecuador; and

(B) to continue working to strengthen the relationship between the United States and Ecuador based on mutual respect and shared democratic values and principles;

(2) recognizes President Lenin Moreno and his administration for recommitting Ecuador to democratic values, anti-corruption efforts, and the adoption of economic policies that will benefit the people of Ecuador;

(3) commends the important steps that President Moreno and his administration

have taken to protect freedom of expression and freedom of the press in his country;

(4) encourages the Republic of Ecuador to ensure that the rights of refugees and asylum seekers are protected; and

(5) supports actions to strengthen the historic bilateral relationship between the United States and Ecuador, including—

(A) the establishment of robust bilateral trade and investment frameworks with Ecuador to build mutual prosperity through greater transparency and competitiveness;

(B) stronger law enforcement and security cooperation between the two countries, including in cybersecurity, border management, counternarcotics, anti-money laundering, military and civilian security professionalization, and criminal justice capabilities;

(C) the return of the United States Agency for International Development and the extension of the Peace Corps Program in Ecuador;

(D) continued United States assistance for Ecuador's response to combat the COVID-19 pandemic;

(E) closer ties between Americans and Ecuadorians through English language learning and teaching programs that foster greater professional and educational opportunities;

(F) continued efforts to protect freedom of expression and freedom of the press; and

(G) continued efforts to ensure that the rights of refugees and asylum seekers are protected.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I have 2 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 702.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Sethuraman Panchanathan, of Arizona, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.