

venture located production at the source of the raw material (palm kernel oil) and results in a cost efficient production process.

While there are several companies in the U.S. that manufacture relatively small amounts of similar methyl esters, this production is almost entirely consumed in the manufacture of their own personal care products. Hence no opposition to the proposed duty suspension is anticipated.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. HELMS and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 1770. A bill for the relief of Wayne T. Alderson; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PRIVATE RELIEF LEGISLATION

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill and submitting a concurrent resolution, Senate Concurrent Resolution 59, that are identical to legislation I introduced in the House of Representatives in both the 102d and 103d Congresses. As this particular issue remains unresolved, I again urge my colleagues' consideration and support.

The legislation I introduce today is an effort to secure the Congressional Medal of Honor for a Pennsylvania resident, Mr. Wayne T. Alderson. The legislation itself speaks to the background and experiences of Wayne Alderson and equally to the need and merit in extending the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As you can see from a review of the bill, Mr. Alderson acted meritoriously in the line of duty as a private in Germany during World War II and was recommended by his commander for a Medal of Honor. Unfortunately, his papers were destroyed in a fire. The Department of Defense has said that since the statute of limitations expired in 1952, and that without a statement from one of Mr. Alderson's commanders, they cannot award him the medal. An affidavit by Pfc. Daniel Parisi, which verifies that Mr. Alderson's commanders did indeed recommend him for the medal, was not considered by the Department as sufficient for them to act.

Therefore, I am introducing legislation today that Mr. Alderson should receive a Medal of Honor. I am joined by several of my colleagues in calling for the extension of congressional recognition to Wayne for his service, valor, and commitment to defending our country in time of war and acting meritoriously in the line of duty. I appreciate Senators SPECTER, DOLE, CRAIG, HELMS, and THURMOND joining with me as sponsors of this legislation.

I thank my colleagues for their attention and consideration of this legislation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 288

At the request of Mr. WELLSTONE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.

288, a bill to abolish the Board of Review of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and for other purposes.

S. 309

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Missouri [Mr. BOND] was added as a cosponsor of S. 309, a bill to reform the concession policies of the National Park Service, and for other purposes.

S. 948

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. SHELBY] was added as a cosponsor of S. 948, a bill to encourage organ donation through the inclusion of an organ donation card with individual income refund payments, and for other purposes.

S. 984

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 984, a bill to protect the fundamental right of a parent to direct the upbringing of a child, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to assure equitable coverage and treatment of emergency services under health plans.

S. 1401

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1401, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to minimize duplication in regulatory programs and to give States exclusive responsibility under approved States program for permitting and enforcement of the provisions of that Act with respect to surface coal mining and reclamation operations, and for other purposes.

S. 1578

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. FEINGOLD], and the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] were added as cosponsors of S. 1578, a bill to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1997 through 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1660

At the request of Mr. GLENN, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. KOHL] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1660, a bill to provide for ballast water management to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species into the waters of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1661

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1661, a bill to specify that States may waive certain requirements relating to commercial motor vehicle operators under chapter 313 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to the operators of certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1688

At the request of Mr. BUMPERS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1688, a bill to establish a National Center for Rural Law Enforcement, and for other purposes.

S. 1714

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT], the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Oklahoma [Mr. NICKLES], the Senator from Georgia [Mr. COVERDELL], the Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], and the Senator from Montana [Mr. BAUCUS] were added as cosponsors of S. 1714, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure the ability of utility providers to establish, improve, operate and maintain utility structures, facilities, and equipment for the benefit, safety, and well-being of consumers, by removing limitations on maximum driving and on-duty time pertaining to utility vehicle operators and drivers, and for other purposes.

S. 1715

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], and the Senator from Illinois [Mr. SIMON] were added as cosponsors of S. 1715, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for adoption expenses, to allow penalty-free IRA withdrawals for adoption expenses, and to allow tax-free treatment for employer provided adoption assistance.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. SNOWE], the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON], and the Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] were added as cosponsors of S. 1735, a bill to establish the United States Tourism Organization as a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of promoting tourism in the United States.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 59—RELATIVE TO A MEDAL OF HONOR

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. DOLE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. HELMS, and Mr. THURMOND) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 59

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).*

Whereas Wayne T. Alderson served as a private first class in the United States Army in Germany during World War II;

Whereas, during the Rhineland Campaign of such war, which was 4 days of close, fierce combat from March 15 to March 18, 1945, Private First Class Alderson singlehandedly killed 43 enemy soldiers;

Whereas, according to The History of the Third Infantry Division, Private First Class Alderson was the 1st soldier from the United States to cross into Germany on March 15, 1945;