

from New York [Mr. MOYNIHAN], the Senator from South Carolina [Mr. THURMOND], and the Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] were added as co-sponsors of Senate Resolution 64, a resolution to designate the week of May 4, 1997, as "National Correctional Officers and Employees Week."

SENATE RESOLUTION 76—PROCLAIMING A NATIONWIDE MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr. THURMOND submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 76

Whereas the preservation of basic freedoms and world peace has always been a valued objective of this great country;

Whereas thousands of American men and women have selflessly given their lives in service as peacemakers and peacekeepers;

Whereas greater strides should be made to demonstrate the appreciation and gratitude these loyal Americans deserve and to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice they made;

Whereas Memorial Day is the day of the year for the Nation to appropriately remember American heroes by inviting the citizens of this Nation to respectfully honor them at a designated time; and

Whereas the playing of "Taps" symbolizes the solemn and patriotic recognition of those Americans who died in service to our Country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate requests that—

(1) a nationwide moment of remembrance be observed on Memorial Day, May 26, 1997, by the simultaneous pausing of all citizens to acknowledge the playing of "Taps" at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) in honor of the Americans that gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom and peace; and

(2) the President issue a proclamation calling upon the departments and agencies of the United States and interested organizations, groups, and individuals to participate in and promote this nationwide tribute to the dedicated American men and women who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution proclaiming a nationwide moment of remembrance, to be observed on Memorial Day, May 26, 1997, in order to appropriately honor American patriots lost in the pursuit of peace and liberty around the world.

This year, the nonprofit organization, No Greater Love, which assists the families of Americans who died in service to their country or in terrorist acts, is launching the first annual "Proud to Remember" campaign. The goal of this campaign is to make certain that those who have died in service to our country will be appropriately honored in a patriotic and personal way on this special day of remembrance. In other words, they seek to put "memorial" back into Memorial Day.

Pursuant to this resolution, on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 1997, the entire Nation will be asked to observe a moment of remembrance at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives for us. "Taps" will be played at this time across the country to honor our fallen heroes.

It is our hope that this moment of remembrance will bring all Americans together in a spirit of respect, patriotism, and gratitude, and also help restore the recognition our veterans deserve for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our great Nation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 77—TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATION BY THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

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

S. RES. 77

Whereas, in the case of *William L. Singer v. Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices*, No. 97-6000, pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, petitioner William L. Singer has sought review of a final decision of the Select Committee on Ethics which has been entered, pursuant to section 308 of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991, 2 U.S.C. §1208 (1994), in the records of the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1)(1994), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend committees of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, pursuant to section 303(f) of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991, 2 U.S.C. §1203(f)(1994), for purposes of representatives by the Senate Legal Counsel, the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices, the respondent in this proceeding, is deemed a committee within the meaning of sections 703(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a), 288c(a)(1)(1994): Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent the Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices in the case of *William L. Singer v. Office of Senate Fair Employment Practices*.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 1997, 9:30 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Thursday, April 24, 1997, 10 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is overview of vocational education.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing on S. 459, a bill to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to extend certain program authorizations.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, BUSINESS RIGHTS, AND COMPETITION

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, of the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing on "Antitrust Implications: The British Airways—American Airlines Alliance."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, in open session, to receive testimony regarding the Department of the Navy's shipbuilding development and procurement programs in review of S. 450, the national defense authorization bill for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COUNCIL OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, each year an elite group of young women rise above the ranks of their peers and confront the challenge of attaining the Girl Scouts of the United States of America's highest rank in scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

It is with great pleasure that I recognize and applaud young women from the State of Maryland who are this year's recipients of this most prestigious and time honored award.

These outstanding young women are to be commended on their extraordinary commitment and dedication to their families, their friends, their communities, and to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

The qualities of character, perseverance, and leadership which enabled them to reach this goal will also help them to meet the challenges of the future. They are our inspiration for today and our promise for tomorrow.

I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of this award from the State of Maryland. They are the best and the brightest and serve as an example of character and moral strength for us all to imitate and follow.

Finally, I wish to salute the families, scout leaders, and the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital who have provided these young women with continued support and encouragement.

It is with great pride that I submit a list of this year's Girl Scout Gold Award recipients from the State of Maryland, and I ask that the list be printed in the RECORD.

The material follows:

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE NATION'S
CAPITAL

Breton Aulick, Rebecca Bensur, Jacquelyn Blaser, Brianna Blaser, Kristen Bowen, Arianne Boylan, Christine Chase, Heather Ann Church, Kimberly Crowder, Margaret Eaton-Sainers, Carlita Fletcher, Jessica Gaines, Brianna Gibson, Kathleen Henley, Kishuana Jarmon, Gretchen Kallemyn. Lyndsay Madden, Grace McCann, Jennifer McKelvey, Jennifer Miller, Laura Murray, Linda Jean Rinko, Janis Sanders, Alea Lu Schroeder, Jana Siskind, Kelsi Stembel, Andrea Stuart, Tanya Wessells, Denise White.●

WE THE PEOPLE . . . THE
CITIZENS AND THE CONSTITUTION

● Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I want to commend 25 outstanding students from West Warwick High School in West Warwick, RI, who will be visiting Washington later this month to compete in the national finals of the "We The People . . . The Citizens And The Constitution" program.

For those of my colleagues who are not familiar with it, the "We The People . . . The Citizens And The Constitution" program is among the most extensive educational programs in the country, developed to educate young people about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The three-day national competition simulates a congressional hearing in which students' oral presentations are judged on the basis of their knowledge of constitutional principles and their ability to apply these principals to contemporary situations.

Administered by the Center for Civic Education, the "We The People . . . The Citizens And The Constitution" program provides an excellent opportunity for students to gain an informed perspective on the significance of the U.S. Constitution and its place in our history. We hear so much these days about growing apathy and ignorance among young people about our history and governmental traditions. In my view, programs such as this can go a long way to combat these ills. It is heartening to see young Rhode Islanders taking such an active and participatory interest in public affairs.

Mr. President, you may be interested to know that West Warwick High School has an outstanding track record in the "We The People . . . The Citizens And The Constitution" program. The West Warwick team has won the Rhode Island State competition for 7 of the past 10 years.

I am very proud of Jamie Amaral, Mary Asselin, Jonathan Bassi, Justin

Broz, John Caressimo, Brian Carr, Andrew Constanza, Krystle Couto, Bethany DeBlois, Candice Felske, John Johnson, Jonathan Juneau, Jamie Kullberg, Kristin Larocque, Gina Musto, Meghan O'Brien, Ryan O'Grady, Stephanie Paquet, Erica Ricci, Hillary Sisson, Derek Tevyaw, Kevin Willette, Kristen Wolslegel, Man Yu, and Debra Zenofsky for making it to the national finals. I applaud this terrific group of young men and women for their hard work and perseverance. Also, Mr. President, I want to congratulate Michael Trofi, a fine teacher who deserves so much credit for guiding the West Warwick High School team to the national finals.

As Mr. Trofi and this fine group of West Warwick High School students prepare for their trip to Washington to compete in the national finals on April 26-28, I want to congratulate them for what they have already achieved and wish them the best of luck in the final competition. These students, with the guidance of Mr. Trofi, have learned what our Nation is all about and what countless men and women have fought and died to protect. No matter what the outcome of the contest is, they have each earned the greatest prize of all: Knowledge.●

SUPPORTING NETDAY

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to alert this body to a very special event, which took place this past weekend, called NetDay. NetDay, which began in 1996, is a unique partnership between the public, private and educational communities with the common goal of fitting K-12 classrooms with the technological infrastructure needed for the 21st century.

In the beginning of this year, on behalf of myself, Senator JOHN WARNER, Senator CONRAD BURNS, Senator CHARLES ROBB, Senator PATTY MURRAY, and Senator BARBARA BOXER, I introduced Sense of the Senate Resolution 51, celebrating the success of NetDay activities and encouraging all schools to participate in 1997 NetDay activities, including the projects which took place this past weekend. As I did in February of this year, when I introduced the NetDay resolution, I would like to again commend the organizers and volunteers of NetDay, an excellent example of individuals creating a stronger community with the goal of increasing the quality of their schools.

The success of this weekend was impressive. Although it is still too early to cite official statistics of Saturday's event, NetDay organizers have stated that "schools up and down the State, in isolated towns in the north, farming towns in the central valley, and hundreds in urban communities all participated in NetDay." In addition, the 38 empowerment zone schools of the Los Angeles Unified School District were involved in NetDay activities and future planning. Last year alone, NetDay was successful in bringing out more

than 100,000 Americans, including 50,000 Californians to volunteer in their neighborhood schools. These students, teachers, parents, and friends of the schools, came to wire classrooms and school libraries throughout the Nation. Thousands of individuals accomplished their goal to install communications cables, connect wires and switches to upgrading their schools for the 21st century.

The success of NetDay is significant. Last year, over 25,000 elementary, junior and senior high schools were wired. I expect these numbers to dramatically increase as NetDay organizer compile results from Saturday's activities. Throughout the United States, volunteers climbed ladders and got on their hands and knees to install the wiring infrastructure needed to connect thousands of elementary and secondary school classrooms with contemporary technology.

As I have mentioned in earlier floor speeches, NetDay began in California on March 9, 1996. The term was coined by cofounders John Gage of Sun Microsystems, one of the Nation's leading technology companies and Michael Kaufman of KQED, a California public broadcasting station. Mr. Gage and Mr. Kaufman saw this initiative as a day where hundreds of Californians came out to an "old fashioned barn raising for the modern technology age."

Just as volunteers would gather in the Nation's early years, with neighbor helping neighbor, to build homes, barns or community buildings, California's NetDay volunteers gather in support of neighborhood schools. Amazingly, and to their surprise, NetDay succeeded in one year in wiring 3,500 schools efficiently and cost-effectively, establishing and improving our classroom information infrastructure up and down the State.

However, as our classrooms continue to modernize and improve their technological infrastructure there is much work to be accomplished, both in California and throughout the Nation. Consider the following:

According to the Department of Education half of our K-12 schools lack full access to advance technology in the classroom.

Ninety-five percent of those K-12 schools who want to but are not yet wired, do not have the needed budgetary resources or organized volunteer base to wire their schools.

Rural areas and regions with high poverty continue to have less access to advanced educational technology compared to their suburban and urban counterparts.

These few points illustrate that there is still much to be done in our children's classrooms. NetDay organizers are committed to working with underserved neighborhoods and ensuring that the appropriate resources, both in volunteers and computer wiring kits, are channels to these communities. In addition, this year's NetDay will focus on communities that did not fully benefit from last years initial set of