

Whereas Constantino Brumidi's celebration of the liberty he found in America can be seen in his signature on his painting that he was an Artist Citizen of the United States and in his statement on being hired for his first Capitol commission that, "I no longer have any desire for fame or fortune. My one ambition and my daily prayer is that I may live long enough to make beautiful the Capitol of the one country on earth in which there is liberty." Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate, on behalf of the American people, honors the life and legacy of Constantino Brumidi, artist and patriot, and recognizes his many contributions to the world of art as well as the legacy of the United States as reflected in the building that houses Congress, the United States Capitol Building.

SENATE RESOLUTION 206—DESIGNATING AUGUST 2005 AS "PSORIASIS AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 206

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are chronic, immune-mediated diseases for which there is no cure;

Whereas more than 5,000,000 men, women, and children in the United States have been diagnosed with either psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis;

Whereas psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis are painful and disabling diseases that have a significant and adverse impact on the quality of life of an individual diagnosed with either of these diseases;

Whereas the National Institute of Mental Health funded a study that found that psoriasis may cause as much physical and mental disability as other major diseases, including cancer, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, and depression;

Whereas psoriasis is associated with elevated rates of depression and suicidal ideation;

Whereas each year the people of the United States spend more than \$4,000,000,000 to treat psoriasis;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of psoriatic arthritis may help prevent irreversible joint damage; and

Whereas treating psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis presents a challenge for patients and physicians because no 1 treatment works for everyone, some treatments lose effectiveness over time, many treatments are used in combination with other treatments, and all treatments may cause a unique set of side effects: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates August 2005 as "Psoriasis Awareness Month".

Mr. President, I am pleased to join the junior Senator from Oregon in submitting a resolution designating August 2005 as Psoriasis Awareness Month. This awareness month will increase public knowledge about psoriasis and aid in efforts in the medical community to diagnose, treat, and eventually cure the disease.

Psoriasis is a non-contagious, immune-mediated, lifelong skin disorder. The source of psoriasis is believed to have a genetic component which triggers a faster growth cycle of skin cells that results in buildup; however, the exact cause is unknown. The severity of psoriasis can vary from person to person. For most people, the disease

appears as raised, red patches or lesions covered with a silvery white buildup of dead skin cells, called scale.

Psoriatic arthritis is a condition associated with psoriasis. This disease is a chronic inflammatory disease of the joints and connective tissue, which causes stiffness, pain, swelling and tenderness of the joints and the tissue around them. Without treatment, psoriatic arthritis can be potentially disabling and crippling. Approximately 10 to 30 percent of people with psoriasis develop psoriatic arthritis.

Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis have been diagnosed in more than 5 million men, women and children in the United States. Each year, the United States spends \$4 billion dollars to treat this lifelong disease. Furthermore, about 56 million hours of work are lost each year by people who suffer from psoriasis, and the National Institute of Mental Health has found that psoriasis can cause as much physical and mental disability as other major diseases.

Researchers are still searching for a cure for psoriasis. In the meantime, we must continue to support such efforts and raise public awareness of the symptoms and available treatments for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. I hope that my colleagues will join me in this effort.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 45—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 45

Whereas life insurance is an essential part of a sound financial plan;

Whereas life insurance provides financial security for families in the event of a premature death by helping surviving family members to meet immediate and longer-term financial obligations and objectives;

Whereas nearly 50,000,000 Americans say they lack the life insurance coverage needed to ensure a secure financial future for their loved ones;

Whereas recent studies have found that when a premature death occurs, insufficient life insurance coverage on the part of the insured results in three-fourths of surviving family members having to take measures such as working additional jobs or longer hours, borrowing money, withdrawing money from savings and investment accounts, and, in too many cases, moving to smaller, less expensive housing;

Whereas individuals, families, and businesses can benefit greatly from professional insurance and financial planning advice, including the assessment of their life insurance needs; and

Whereas the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education (LIFE), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA), and a coalition representing hundreds of leading life insurance

companies and organizations have designated September 2005 as "Life Insurance Awareness Month", the goal of which is to make consumers more aware of their life insurance needs, seek professional advice, and take the actions necessary to achieve the financial security of their loved ones: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That the Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Life Insurance Awareness Month; and

(2) calls on the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION SHOULD FULLY PROTECT THE FREEDOMS OF ALL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, WHETHER REGISTERED AND UNREGISTERED, AS STIPULATED BY THE RUSSIAN CONSTITUTION AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. SMITH) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 46

Whereas the Russian Federation is a participating State of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and has freely committed to fully respect the rights of individuals, whether alone or in community with others, to profess and practice religion or belief;

Whereas the Russian Federation specifically committed in the 1989 Vienna Concluding Document to "take effective measures to prevent and eliminate discrimination against individuals or communities on the grounds of religion or belief" and to "grant upon their request to communities of believers, practicing or prepared to practice their faith within the constitutional framework of their States, recognition of the status provided for them in the respective countries";

Whereas Article 28 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation declares that "every one shall be guaranteed the right to freedom of conscience, to freedom of religious worship, including the right to profess, individually or jointly with others, any religion" and Article 8 of the 1997 Law on Freedom of Conscience and Religious Associations provides for registration for religious communities as "religious organizations," if they have at least 10 members and have operated within the Russian Federation with legal status for at least 15 years;

Whereas registration is critical for religious groups to fully enjoy their religious freedoms, as many rights and privileges afforded to religious communities in the Russian Federation are contingent on obtaining registration;

Whereas many religious groups refuse to seek registration on theological or other grounds, while other communities have been unjustly denied registration or had their registration improperly terminated by local authorities;

Whereas many of the unregistered communities in the Russian Federation today were never registered under the Soviet system because they refused to collaborate with that

government's anti-religious policies and they are now experiencing renewed discrimination and repression from the authorities;

Whereas over the past 2 years there have been an estimated 10 arson attacks on unregistered Protestant churches, with little or no effective response by law enforcement officials to bring the perpetrators to justice;

Whereas in some areas of the Russian Federation law enforcement personnel have carried out violent actions against believers from unregistered communities peacefully practicing their faith; and

Whereas the United States has sought to protect the fundamental and inalienable human right to seek, know, and serve God according to the dictates of one's own conscience, in accordance with the international agreements committing nations to respect individual freedom of thought, conscience, and belief: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring),* That it is the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should—

(1) urge the Government of the Russian Federation to ensure full protection of freedoms for all religious communities without distinction, whether registered and unregistered, and end the harassment of unregistered religious groups by the security apparatus and other government agencies;

(2) urge the Government of the Russian Federation to ensure that law enforcement officials vigorously investigate acts of violence against unregistered religious communities, as well as make certain that authorities are not complicit in such attacks;

(3) continue to raise concerns with the Government of the Russian Federation over violations of religious freedom, including those against unregistered religious communities, especially indigenous denominations not well known in the United States;

(4) ensure that United States Embassy officials engage local officials throughout the Russian Federation, especially when violations of freedom of religion occur, and undertake outreach activities to educate local officials about the rights of unregistered religious communities;

(5) urge both the Personal Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians and Members of Other Religions, and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief to visit the Russian Federation and raise with federal and local officials concerns about the free practice of unregistered religious communities; and

(6) urge the Council of Europe and its member countries to raise with Russian Federation officials issues relating to freedom of religion, especially in light of the Russian Federation's responsibilities as President of the Council in 2006.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1413. Mr. HAGEL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1414. Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1415. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr.

BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1416. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1417. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1418. Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1419. Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1420. Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1421. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1422. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1423. Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1424. Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1425. Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1426. Mr. DORGAN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1427. Mr. NELSON, of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1428. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1429. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1430. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1431. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. REED)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1432. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, supra.

SA 1433. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. REED, Mr. NELSON, of Florida, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1434. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1435. Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1436. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1437. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1438. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. . . . EXCLUSION OF SPECIAL PAY AND ALLOWANCES FROM INCOME FOR SUPPLEMENT SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (20) of section 1612(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382a(b)(20)) is amended to read as follows:

“(20) special pay receive pursuant to chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, and allowances received pursuant to chapter 7 of title 37, United States Code;”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to eligibility determinations made and benefit amounts payable after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 1414.** Mr. SMITH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 213, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

**SEC. 807. TEMPORARY INAPPLICABILITY OF BERRY AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENTS OF SPECIALTY METALS USED TO PRODUCE FORCE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2533a(a) of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to the procurement, during the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, of specialty metals if such specialty metals are used to produce force protection equipment for Department of Defense applications.

(b) TREATMENT OF PROCUREMENTS WITHIN PERIOD.—For the purposes of subsection (a), a procurement shall be treated as being made during the 2-year period described in that subsection to the extent that funds are obligated by the Department of Defense for that procurement during that period.

**SA 1415.** Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 378, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following: