

Scott Air Force Base, home to the United States Transportation Command, the Air Force's Air Mobility Command, and some tireless flying units that move troops and materials all over the world in defense of our Nation. St. Clair County, where Scott Air Force Base is located, has for some time been willing to discuss with the Air Force the idea of working together on a lease-purchase agreement. That idea cannot get off the ground; much less take flight, however, so long as the current law strictly limits such agreements to private contractors.

This is just one example from my own State of Illinois. I expect there may be other military installations and their neighboring jurisdictions that also might like to work together in a similar fashion. The Base and Community Lease-Purchase Expansion Act which I introduce today will help open the door to that sort of teamwork.

America is strongest when the military and civilian parts of our society work together in partnership on projects of mutual benefit. To that end we must work to reduce barriers and seize opportunities to foster cooperation between military installations and the states and local jurisdictions in which they are located. In so doing, we lay the foundation for mutual understanding, a strong military and enduring communities.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS—  
OCTOBER 25, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION 286—COM-  
MENDING THE GRAND OLE OPRY  
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 80TH  
ANNIVERSARY FOR ITS IMPOR-  
TANT ROLE IN THE POPU-  
LARIZATION OF COUNTRY MUSIC  
AND FOR ITS 8 DECADES OF MU-  
SICAL AND BROADCAST EXCEL-  
LENCE

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

S. RES. 286

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry is a pioneer of commercial radio in the United States, and is the longest running continuous radio program in the United States, having operated since November 28, 1925, and having broadcasted over 4,000 consecutive Saturday evening shows on WSM Radio, Nashville, Tennessee;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry played an integral role in the commercial development of the country music industry, and in establishing Nashville, Tennessee, as "Music City USA";

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry has consistently promoted the best in live entertainment and provided a distinctive forum for connecting country music fans to musicians so as to promote the popularity of this uniquely American genre;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry serves as a unique American icon that enshrines the rich musical history of country music, and preserves the tradition and character of the

genre through commemorative performances and events;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry is committed to quality performances, and the membership of the Grand Ole Opry represents the elite of country music performers, including generations of America's most talented musicians, encompassing the music legends of old and the superstars of today that continue to define American country music;

Whereas performers at the Grand Ole Opry have included such universally recognized names as Roy Acuff, Chet Atkins, Garth Brooks, Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, Grandpa Jones, Loretta Lynn, Uncle Dave Macon, Dolly Parton, Minnie Pearl, Jim Reeves, Ernest Tubbs, Hank Williams, Trisha Yearwood, and many more;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry celebrates the diversity of country music, with membership spanning both generation and genre, representing the best in folk, country, bluegrass, gospel, and comedy performances;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry continues to utilize technological innovations to develop new avenues of connecting country music to its fans, and can be seen and heard around the world via television, radio, satellite radio, and the Internet;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry provides heartening support to members of the Armed Forces by participating in the Department of Defense's America Supports You Program, providing live performances to American Forces serving abroad via the American Forces Radio and Television Services network;

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry is recognized as the world's premiere country music show, and continues to entertain millions of fans throughout the world, including United States Presidents and foreign dignitaries, and serves as an emissary of American music and culture; and

Whereas the Grand Ole Opry will continue to impact American culture and music, and play an important role in presenting the best in country music to new generations of fans throughout the world, touching millions with music and comedy; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate commends the Grand Ole Opry on the occasion of its 80th anniversary for its important role in the popularization of country music, and for its 8 decades of musical and broadcast excellence.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 288—RECOG-  
NIZING THE LIFE AND ACCOM-  
PLISHMENTS OF WELLINGTON  
MARA OF NEW YORK

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 288

Whereas Tim Wellington Mara was born on August 14, 1916 in New York City;

Whereas Wellington Mara became a ball boy for the New York Giants at the age of 9;

Whereas Wellington Mara was made co-owner of the New York Giants in 1930 at the age of 14;

Whereas Wellington Mara graduated from Loyola High School, a Jesuit institution in Manhattan, and then attended Fordham University;

Whereas the only interruption in Wellington Mara's 81 years with the New York Giants organization occurred during World War II, when he served with distinction for more than 3 years in the Navy, seeing action in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters aboard aircraft carriers;

Whereas Wellington Mara was instrumental in crafting an agreement in which larger market teams shared television revenue with smaller market teams, thereby allowing football to thrive throughout the United States;

Whereas under nearly 80 years of Wellington Mara's leadership, the New York Giants made 26 postseason appearances, the second highest in league history, including 18 National Football League Divisional championships, and 6 National Football League championships;

Whereas Wellington Mara displayed an unwavering commitment to his players and coaches by finding doctors for former players, paying for medical expenses, and arranging help for their families;

Whereas Wellington Mara was an invaluable contributor to the National Football League as a member of many ownership committees and has been recognized for always putting the interests of the game ahead of what was best for the New York Giants;

Whereas, in 1997, Wellington Mara was elected to the Professional Football Hall of Fame, joining his father, Tim Mara, who was a charter member of the Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, at the end of a life dedicated to the great game of football, its fans, and players, Wellington Mara passed away on October 25, 2005, at the age of 89; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its most sincere condolences to the family of Wellington Mara, the former Ann Mumm, whom he married in 1954, their 11 children, and 40 grandchildren; and

(2) recognizes the life and accomplishments of Wellington Mara, who, for more than 8 decades, dedicated his life to the New York Giants and their millions of fans and supporters.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND  
PROPOSED

SA 2268. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

SA 2269. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2271. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2272. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2273. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2274. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2275. Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REED, Mr. REID, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DODD, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DAYTON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3010, supra.