

Whereas if a man in the United States has 1 family member diagnosed with prostate cancer, he has double the risk of prostate cancer, if he has 2 family members with such diagnosis, he has 5 times the risk, and if he has 3 family members with such diagnosis, he has a 97 percent risk of prostate cancer;

Whereas screening by both a digital rectal examination (DRE) and a prostate specific antigen blood test (PSA) can detect prostate cancer in earlier and more treatable stages and reduce the rate of mortality due to the disease;

Whereas ongoing research promises further improvements in prostate cancer prevention, early detection, and treatments; and

Whereas educating people in the United States, including health care providers, about prostate cancer and early detection strategies is crucial to saving the lives of men and preserving and protecting our families: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2006 as “National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”;

(2) declares that it is critical—

(A) to raise awareness about the importance of screening methods and the treatment of prostate cancer;

(B) to increase research funding to be proportionate with the burden of prostate cancer so that the causes of the disease, improved screening and treatments, and ultimately a cure may be discovered; and

(C) to continue to consider methods to improve both access to and the quality of health care services for detecting and treating prostate cancer; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States, interested groups, and affected persons—

(A) to promote awareness of prostate cancer;

(B) to take an active role in the fight to end the devastating effects of prostate cancer on individuals, their families, and the economy; and

(C) to observe National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 553—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE CITIZENS’ STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL THAT A COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMP BE ISSUED IN HONOR OF VARIAN FRY**

Mr. MENENDEZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:

S. RES. 553

Whereas Varian Mackey Fry, of Ridgewood, New Jersey, embodied the spirit of heroism and demonstrated personal bravery of the highest order during the Holocaust;

Whereas, while serving as a representative of the Emergency Refugee Committee in German-occupied Vichy, France, between 1940 and 1941, Varian Fry helped save the lives of approximately 1,500 Jews and hundreds of other anti-Nazi refugees;

Whereas Varian Fry established a legal French relief organization, the Centre Americain de Secou, as a cover for his heroic but sometimes unlawful actions on behalf of the refugees, including—

(1) securing false visas;

(2) planning daring escape routes through the mountains of Southern France;

(3) illegally chartering ships to transport refugees out of France; and

(4) exchanging funding for these operations on the black market;

Whereas, in order to save thousands of Jews and refugees who were threatened by the Nazis, Varian Fry risked his personal safety, forfeited his employment as a writer with the Foreign Policy Association, and was ultimately expelled from France because his actions contravened the policies of the Vichy French government;

Whereas the efforts of Varian Fry resulted in the rescue of approximately 2,000 persons, including such distinguished artists and intellectuals as Marc Chagall, Max Ernst, Hannah Arendt, Franz Werfel, Jacques Lipchitz, Lion Feuchtwanger, and Heinrich Mann;

Whereas, in 1967, for his heroic actions, Varian Fry received the Croix de Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor, 1 of the highest civilian honors of France; and

Whereas, in 1996, Varian Fry was named “Righteous Among the Nations” by Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Heroes and Martyrs Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem, making him the first citizen of the United States to receive the highest honor bestowed by Israel to individuals who worked as rescuers during the Holocaust: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that a commemorative postage stamp be issued in honor of Varian Fry.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution that would honor an unsung hero who saved thousands of people from death during the Holocaust. The world knows the names of Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg, but few know the work of an American man named Varian Fry. During the Nazi takeover of Europe in World War II, Varian Fry, a resident of my home State of New Jersey, selflessly risked his life to save the lives of some 2,000 Jews and anti-Nazi refugees in Vichy, France. Although not Jewish himself, Fry understood the threat the Nazis posed. Over the course of 13 months, Fry’s rescue operation saved some of Europe’s most accomplished artists, writers, and intellectuals, such as Marc Chagall, Max Ernst, Jacques Lipschitz, Arthur Koestler, Hannah Arendt, Franz Werfel, Lion Feuchtwanger, and Heinrich Mann.

Few of us can imagine the dangers that Fry encountered and the courage and savvy that he needed to elude the Nazis and transport thousands of refugees from France to safe havens abroad. We remember that Varian Fry sacrificed his job and his personal safety to help others and to stand up for what was right. His work to aid both Jews and anti-Nazis during this perilous time in history makes him a hero for people of all religions and all nations.

Tragically, this man whose bravery and resourcefulness changed the lives of so many died in relative obscurity. It was not until 1991, 24 years after Fry’s death, that the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council became the first American agency to officially recognize his work. It is now time that the country recognize his humanitarian efforts. Fry’s hometown of Ridgewood, NJ, has honored him and dedicated a street in his name, but we must do more. Sixty-six years after Varian Fry began his lifesaving work in France, it

is time that he earns proper recognition for his noble mission. One measure we can take is to allow Fry to join the ranks of other humanitarians and leaders who have been honored with a commemorative stamp in their name. The U.S. Postal Service has already issued a stamp honoring former U.S. Vice-Consul Horace Bingaman, who aided Fry in his rescue campaign. It is only fitting that Fry be honored with a stamp, as well.

Varian Fry has been honored by France and was the first American to be named Righteous Among the Nations, Yad Vashem’s highest honor for those who helped rescue people during the Holocaust. Though Fry passed away many years ago, let us now show his relatives and the world that this Nation—his Nation—also appreciates his sacrifice and commitment to saving lives at a time when the world was turning a blind eye to the evil of the Nazis. I thank my House colleague, STEVE ROTHMAN, for his work on the companion bill to this resolution which he has already introduced in the House of Representatives, and I ask that my fellow Senators join me in supporting this important legislation.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 554—AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING WITH ILLUSTRATIONS OF A DOCUMENT ENTITLED “COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, UNITED STATES SENATE, 32ND ANNIVERSARY, 1974–2006”**

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

S. RES. 554

*Resolved*, That there be printed with illustrations as a Senate document a compilation of materials entitled “Committee on the Budget, United States Senate, 32nd Anniversary, 1974–2006”, and that, in addition to the usual number, there be printed not to exceed 500 copies of such document at a cost of not to exceed \$1,200 for the use of the Committee on the Budget.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 555—TO AUTHORIZE THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS BY THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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

S. RES. 555

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has been conducting an investigation into the use of offshore tax havens for abusive tax shelters;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a number of requests from law enforcement officials and regulatory agencies, for access to records of the Subcommittee’s investigation;