

May 2005. However, Michelle bravely lost her battle with cancer in November 2005.

Michelle's predicament prompted her mother AnnMarie to take this woeful Catch-22 they experienced to the New Hampshire State Legislature. New Hampshire responded by passing Michelle's Law in June 2006, allowing full-time students covered under State-regulated health plans a 1-year medical leave of absence while maintaining their dependency status. The bill we introduce today affords the same medical leave of absence to full-time students covered under health plans governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974—ERISA. Michelle's Law would allow full-time students and their families to focus solely on treating an illness as opposed to concurrently being a full-time patient and full-time student. While this bill creates an additional mandate for ERISA plans, this provision would apply to less than 1 percent of all college-aged students. Yet without this modest change, the costs and hardships may be enormous. Also, this bill does not trespass on any state's right to govern and regulate its own health insurance business.

I thank AnnMarie Morse for her tireless efforts in making sure another student does not get caught between a medical leave of absence rock and a hard place of insurance regulations. I also thank Senators GREGG and CLINTON for joining me today and I hope my colleagues in the Senate join us with their support and pass Michelle's Law.

#### SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 40—AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN submitted the following resolution; from the Committee on Indian Affairs; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 40

*Resolved*, That, in carrying out its powers, duties and functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such rules, including holding hearings, and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized from March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008; and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, in its discretion (1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund of the Senate, (2) to employ personnel, and (3) with the prior consent of the Government department or agency concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimbursable or non-reimbursable basis the services of personnel of any such department or agency.

SEC. 2. (a) The expenses of the committee for the period March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, under this resolution shall not exceed \$ 1,183,262.00, of which amount (1)

not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the training of professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(b) For the period October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$ 2,071,712.00, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the training of professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(c) For the period October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$879,131.00, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the training of professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 3. The committee shall report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date, but not later than February 28, 2009.

SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of the committee, except that vouchers shall not be required (1) for the disbursement of the salaries of employees paid at an annual rate, or (2) for the payment of telecommunications provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (3) for the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery, United States Senate, or (4) for payments to the Postmaster, United States Senate, or (5) for the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (6) for the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services, or (7) for payment of franked and mass mail costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate.

SEC. 5. There are authorized such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committee from March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008; and October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, to be paid from the Appropriations account for "Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations".

##### SENATE RESOLUTION 41—HONORING AND THE LIFE AND RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TOM MOONEY, PRESIDENT OF THE OHIO FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

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

S. RES. 41

Whereas Tom Mooney graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, before

becoming a high school government teacher in Cincinnati in 1974;

Whereas Mr. Mooney became a passionate advocate for teachers and public education;

Whereas Mr. Mooney served as the president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, as the vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, and on the American Federation of Teachers's executive council;

Whereas during his 21 years as president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, Mr. Mooney worked to establish a teacher evaluation system;

Whereas, in 2000, Mr. Mooney was elected to lead the Ohio Federation of Teachers;

Whereas Mr. Mooney led the Ohio Federation of Teachers, which represents more than 20,000 members, including public education employees, higher education faculty and support staff, and other public employees, for 6 years;

Whereas during his tenure as president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers, Mr. Mooney endeavored to strengthen the teaching profession and to improve the working environment for all school employees, while also encouraging parental involvement to ensure a high-quality public education for all children;

Whereas Mr. Mooney was a tireless advocate for Ohio's public education system and opposed efforts to privatize educational services for limited numbers of children because these attempts at privatization came at the expense of the vast majority of students who attend public schools in the State;

Whereas, on December 3, 2006, Ohio and the Nation felt a great loss with the sudden death of Mr. Mooney; and

Whereas Mr. Mooney will be remembered as a fearless union leader and for his true dedication to improving the quality of public education: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate honors the life and recognizes the achievements of Tom Mooney, who exemplified dedication to, and true advocacy for, children and public education, while also gaining a deserved reputation as an articulate and forceful labor union activist.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the life and accomplishments of Tom Mooney, the former president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers. Tom graduated from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH, then devoted himself to ensuring a quality education for the children of Ohio.

In his distinguished tenure as an educator and administrator, Tom served in a number of capacities. He started in 1974 as a high school government teacher. Later Tom would serve as president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, as vice president of the American Federation of Teachers and finally as the president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers, a post he held for six years until his passing.

Tom Mooney was a passionate advocate for teachers and public education. He worked tirelessly. He encouraged parental involvement in the education of their children and vehemently opposed efforts to privatize educational services, as he believed it would be detrimental to the vast majority of Ohio's public school students.

Tom exemplified dedication to—and true advocacy for—children and public education. I am honored to offer this resolution and pay tribute to a great Ohioan and a great American.