in the monthly beneficiary premium established under subsection (a)."; (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 2008.

SEC. 3. OUTREACH AND EDUCATION FOR PREMIUM AND COST-SHARING SUBSIDIES UNDER PART D.

(a) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE.—

(1) STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, an amount equal to $1 multiplied by the total number of individuals entitled to Medicare benefits, or enrolled, under part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, or enrolled under part B of such title during the fiscal year (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, based on the most recent available data before the beginning of the fiscal year) to be used to provide additional grants to State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) to conduct outreach and education related to the Medicare program under such title.

(2) NATIONAL CENTER ON SENIOR BENEFITS OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There are appropriated $4,000,000 to the National Center on Senior Benefits Outreach and Enrollment established under section 202(a)(20)(B) of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3012(a)(20)(B)) to be used to provide outreach and enrollment assistance with respect to premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Medicare prescription drug program under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101 et seq.).

(B) COORDINATION.—The National Center on Senior Benefits Outreach and Enrollment shall coordinate outreach and enrollment assistance conducted under subparagraph (A) with assistance provided by State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIPs) and other appropriate entities that conduct outreach and education related to such premium and cost-sharing subsidies.

(b) ENCOURAGING STATES TO DIRECT SUBSIDY-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS TO ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall encourage States to direct applicable individuals to appropriate organizations and entities that provide assistance with respect to—

(A) applying for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under section 1860D–14 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114); and

(B) enrolling in a prescription drug plan or an MA–PD plan under part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101 et seq.).

(2) APPLICABLE INDIVIDUALS DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘applicable individual’ means an individual the State believes to be eligible for premium and cost-sharing subsidies under section 1860D–14 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114).

SEC. 4. SCREENING BY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR ELIGIBILITY UNDER MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861–14(a)(3)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–114(a)(3)(B)(i)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: ‘‘As part of making an eligibility determination under the preceding sentence for an individual, the Commissioner shall screen for the eligibility for medical assistance for any Medicare cost-sharing described in section 1905(p)(3) and, if the screening indicates the individual is likely eligible for any Medicare cost-sharing, shall request the pertinent information to the appropriate State Medicaid agency for the determination of eligibility and enrollment of the individual for such Medicare cost-sharing under the State plan (or under a waiver of such plan).’’

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION ON AGING STUDY AND REPORT ON SCREENING PROCESSES USED BY GOVERNMENT NEEDS-BASED PROGRAMS.

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of the Administration on Aging (in this section referred to as the ‘‘Assistant Secretary’’) shall conduct a comprehensive study of screening processes used by government needs-based programs.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall submit a report to Congress containing the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), together with recommendations—

(1) to streamline and improve the effectiveness of screening processes used by government needs-based programs; and

(2) for such legislation or administrative action as the Assistant Secretary determines appropriate.

(c) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS


Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALLARD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CORNER, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. Res. 146

Whereas, the bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States on June 29, 1940, by the Congress of the United States; and

(1) designates June 20, 2007, as ‘‘American Eagle Day’’; and
Resolved, That the Senate—
(1) congratulates the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for being champions on and off the court and for their victory in the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship;
(2) recognizes the significant achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support staff whose dedication and hard work helped the University of Tennessee Lady Vols win the NCAA championship; and
(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to—
(a) the University of Florida for appropriate display;
(b) the President of the University of Florida, Dr. J. Bernard Machen;
(c) the Athletic Director of the University of Florida, Jeremy Foley; and
(d) the Head Coach of the University of Florida men’s basketball team, Billy Donovan.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26—RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND COMMENDING RECIPIENTS OF THE PURPLE HEART FOR THEIR COURAGEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS OF GALLANTRY AND HEROISM ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. HAGEL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON. RES. 26

Whereas the Purple Heart is a combat decoration awarded to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in action or die of wounds received in action;
Whereas the Purple Heart was originally conceived as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1776;
Whereas 2007 marks the 225th anniversary of the Badge of Military Merit, the predecessor of the Purple Heart;
Whereas the practice of awarding the Purple Heart was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington’s birth, out of respect for his memory and military achievements;
Whereas more than 1,535,000 Purple Hearts have been awarded to members of the Armed Forces who fought in defense of freedom and democracy in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and other expediency conflicts;
Whereas approximately 550,000 recipients of the Purple Heart are alive today;
Whereas the organization known as the Military Order of the Purple Heart was formed on October 19, 1922, for the protection and mutual interest of members of the Armed Forces who have received the Purple Heart; and
Whereas the Military Order of the Purple Heart is composed exclusively of recipients of the Purple Heart and is the only veterans’ service organization comprised strictly of combat veterans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—
(1) congratulates the Military Order of the Purple Heart on its 75th anniversary as a national organization whose goals are to preserve and sustain the honor of the Armed Forces;
(2) commends all recipients of the Purple Heart for their courageous demonstrations of gallantry and heroism on behalf of the United States; and
(3) encourages the people of the United States to take time to learn about the Purple Heart and the honor, courage, and bravery it symbolizes.