

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1104) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1104

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN ALIENS SERVING AS TRANSLATORS OR INTERPRETERS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

(a) INCREASE IN NUMBERS ADMITTED.—Section 1059 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “as a translator” and inserting “, or under Chief of Mission authority, as a translator or interpreter”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “the Chief of Mission or” after “recommendation from”; and

(C) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “the Chief of Mission or” after “as determined by”; and

(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “section during any fiscal year shall not exceed 50.” and inserting the following: “section—

“(A) during each of the fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, shall not exceed 500; and

“(B) during any other fiscal year shall not exceed 50.”.

(b) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 1059(c)(2) of such Act is amended—

(1) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows:

“(2) ALIENS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYMENT-BASED NUMERICAL LIMITATIONS.—”; and

(2) by inserting “and shall not be counted against the numerical limitations under section 201(d), 202(a), and 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1151(d), 1152(a), and 1153(b)(4))” before the period at the end.

(c) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Section 1059 of such Act is further amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (2), (7) and (8) of section 245(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1255(c)), the Secretary of Homeland Security may adjust the status of an alien to that of a lawful permanent resident under section 245(a) of such Act if the alien—

“(1) was paroled or admitted as a non-immigrant into the United States; and

“(2) is otherwise eligible for special immigrant status under this section and under the Immigration and Nationality Act.”.

**RAYMOND G. MURPHY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 229 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 229) to redesignate a Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am very pleased today that we will have renamed the Albuquerque VA facility as the Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center. I thank my colleague Senator BINGAMAN for his support on this issue, as well as Senator AKAKA and Senator CRAIG and the staff on the Committee of Veterans’ Affairs for their help.

Raymond “Jerry” Murphy died last Friday at the age of 77. His obituary described him as “one of the softest-spoken, most modest men to ever wear the Medal of Honor.” Jerry Murphy was a true American hero who in war and peace dedicated himself to others. CPT Jerry Murphy was the 39th U.S. Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in the Korean war. When he returned from war he dedicated his entire life to taking care of other veterans. He spent 23 years working in the Albuquerque VA regional office. Upon his retirement, he continued to serve veterans as a volunteer until he became too sick to do so. I think it is only right that the medical center in Albuquerque bear his name in recognition of his great service to veterans and to the Nation.

I came to the floor earlier in the week and spoke about my good friend after he died. I stand by that statement and again send my condolences to Jerry’s wife Maryann, his sons John, Michael, and Tim, his daughter Eleanor, as well as his eight grandchildren. It is never easy to lose a loved one, but at these trying moments, we can take solace in the fact that Jerry lived a long and fulfilling life. He helped many people and touched many lives. His service is a shining example to civilians and veterans alike of a life dedicated to service.

I am very proud to have known Jerry Murphy and to have been able to call him my friend. It is a privilege to play a part in bestowing this deserving honor on a great man and a great American, Raymond Gerald Murphy.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 229

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. REDESIGNATION.**

The Federal building known and designated as the “Department of Veterans Af-

fairs Medical Center” located at 1501 San Pedro Drive, SE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, shall be known and redesignated as the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Raymond G. Murphy Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center”.

**CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 147.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 147) congratulating the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team for winning the 2007 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I can just comment, that was a remarkable tournament. The final four was exciting, and the game between the Rutgers University team and the University of Tennessee was very exciting. It was high-quality basketball. I enjoyed it a lot more than the men’s final four.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 147) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 147

Whereas, on April 3, 2007, before a crowd of over 20,000 fans, the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team (the “Lady Vols”) defeated the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers by a score of 59-46 to win the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Women’s Basketball Championship;

Whereas this championship was the first national title for the Lady Vols since their 3-year championship run in 1996-98, and their 7th national title in the last 20 years;

Whereas the Lady Vols were successful due to the leadership of Coach Pat Summitt, the Nation’s all-time winningest NCAA basketball coach (men’s or women’s) with 947 wins over 33 seasons at the University of Tennessee;

Whereas Joan Cronan, the Women’s Athletics Director, has shown vision and leadership throughout her 24-year career at the University of Tennessee and created one of the most visible and respected athletic programs in the country;

Whereas the Lady Vols were undefeated in conference games during the 2006-2007 season and compiled an impressive overall record of 34 wins and 3 losses;

Whereas Candace Parker tallied 17 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 assists and was selected the Most Outstanding Player for the 2007 tournament, becoming the 5th Lady Volunteer to