

I know from firsthand experience how important such a donation can be. Last year, any chief of staff, who is Latina, made a donation to a 9-year-old child with leukemia.

I urge all of my colleagues to join us in encouraging more Americans to learn more about bone marrow donation and perhaps consider being a donor themselves.

I ask unanimous consent that a letter of support from the National Marrow Donor Program be printed after my remarks.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM,
Washington, DC, June 22, 2009.
Resolution Designating July as African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month.

Hon. DEBBIE STABENOW,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR STABENOW: The National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) is pleased to offer this letter in support of a resolution that you sponsor to recognize July as African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month. You have been a long time supporter of the NMDP and the Bone Marrow Wish Organization, which is an NMDP affiliated nonprofit based in Detroit that works to promote awareness in minority communities. We applaud your efforts to bring further attention to the need for African Americans to join the Registry.

The NMDP is entrusted to operate the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program (Program) via competitively bid contracts with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The NMDP is the international leader in the facilitation of unrelated donor transplants using bone marrow, peripheral blood stem cells, and umbilical cord blood. We provide a single point of access for physicians and transplant patients. Over the last 20 years, the NMDP has facilitated over 35,000 transplants for patients with blood disorders such as leukemia, lymphoma and aplastic anemia, as well as certain immune system and genetic disorders. Congress established the program to ensure that every American in need of transplantation has access to a matching unrelated adult donor or cord blood unit.

This resolution will assist the NMDP with our efforts to recruit African American donors to the Registry by designating the month of July for the NMDP to promote donor awareness and increase the number of African Americans registered, which is critical to our success. Adding minorities to the Registry, and in particular African Americans, is critical. Unlike Caucasians who have an 88-percent chance of finding a match on the Registry or Hispanics who have an 81-percent chance, African Americans only have a 60-percent chance of finding a match. In designating July as African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month, the NMDP can continue to promote awareness to ensure that all Americans have a greater chance of finding a match.

Today the Registry lists over seven million adult donors on the Registry, but only 8-percent of those donors are African Americans. In closing, every day, more 6,000 men, women, and children search the National Marrow Donor Registry for a match. More donors are needed on the Registry so that all patients in need will have access to this therapy. This resolution will help raise the awareness needed to add more donors to the

Registry. We appreciate your continued efforts to support the mission of the NMDP and to assist us to increase the numbers of individuals on the National Registry.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. BOO,
Chief Strategy Officer.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 205) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 205

Whereas a bone marrow or blood cell transplant is a potentially life-saving treatment for patients with leukemia, lymphoma, and other blood diseases;

Whereas a bone marrow or blood cell transplant replaces a patient's unhealthy blood cells with healthy blood-forming cells from a volunteer donor;

Whereas a patient who does not have a suitably matching donor in the family may search the National Marrow Donor Program Donor Registry for a donor;

Whereas blood or cell samples from adult donors or cord blood units are tested and the tissue or cell type is added to the National Marrow Donor Program Donor Registry, and physicians may search that registry when they need to find donors whose tissue type matches their patients';

Whereas African Americans make up 8 percent of, or more than 550,000 of the 7,000,000 people currently on, the National Marrow Donor Program Donor Registry;

Whereas of the 35,000 people that have received transplants since the inception of the National Marrow Donor Program Donor Registry, only 1,500 have been African Americans;

Whereas more than 70 life-threatening diseases can be treated with a bone marrow transplant;

Whereas there is a possibility that an African American patient could match a donor from any racial or ethnic group, but the most likely match is another African American;

Whereas to become a volunteer donor, potential donors must be between 18 and 60 years of age, meet health guidelines, provide a small blood sample or swab of cheek cells to determine the donor's tissue type, complete a brief health questionnaire, and sign a consent form to have the tissue type of the donor listed on the Donor Registry;

Whereas the Bone Marrow Wish Organization, which is a minority-run nonprofit organization based in Detroit that was started by an actual bone marrow donor, is initiating "African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month";

Whereas the annual month of awareness would promote donor awareness and increase the number of African Americans registered with the National Marrow Donor Program throughout the Nation; and

Whereas July 2009 would be an appropriate month to observe African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month;

(2) urges the people of the United States to participate in appropriate programs and ac-

tivities with respect to bone marrow awareness, including speaking with health care professionals about bone marrow donation; and

(3) urges all people of the United States to register to become blood marrow donors and encourages all people of the United States to organize blood marrow registration drives in their communities.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1344

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1344, introduced earlier today by a Senator, is at the desk and due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1344) to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask now for its second reading, but I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 25; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business for 1 hour, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the second half, with Senators permitted to speak during that morning business hour for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume postcloture debate on the nomination of Harold Koh to be Legal Adviser to the Department of State. Finally, I ask that the time during any adjournment or period of morning business count postcloture.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, tomorrow we will resume the postcloture debate on the Koh nomination. If we are required to use the full 30 hours of debate time, we would vote on the confirmation of this good man around 5:30 tomorrow. We are also working on an agreement to consider the Legislative Branch appropriations bill. I hope we are able to yield back some of the debate time on the Koh nomination so we can begin consideration of that appropriations bill.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate this evening, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:46 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND
DEVELOPMENT

JAMES LEGARDE HUDSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, VICE KENNETH L. PEEL.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN VICTOR ROOS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAPAN.

JAMES B. SMITH, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203(A):

To be colonel

JACQUELINE A. NAVE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

JESUS CLEMENTE
LYNN G. NORTON

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

SCOTT A. NEUSR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

JENNIFER M. CRADIER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

CAROL HAERTLEINSELLS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

MICHAEL L. BOOTHE
MURRAY M. REEFER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

PAUL E. HABENER
MARC A. SILVERSTEIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

DENISE K. ASKEW
LOWANDA DENT
MARTHA M. ONER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

LAURA NIHAN
JAMES M. ROGERS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

SAMUEL A. FRAZER
VINCENT D. ZAHNLE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

ALAINE C. ENCABO
VALERIA GONZALEZKERR
GREGORY J. HADFIELD
DOUGLAS A. KUHL
BENEDICT P. MITCHELL
SCOTT C. SHARP

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

KRIS R. POPPE

To be major

CASEY P. NIX

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ANNE B. WARWICK

To be lieutenant colonel

SUNDIATA M. ELAMIN
STEPHEN J. GRAHAM

To be major

ROD W. CALLICOTT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL F. BOYEK
JOHN D. HERMANN

To be major

PETER A. ANYAKORA
MATTHEW R. DANGELO
DAVID W. HEITMAN
GERALD S. MAXWELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant colonel

WESLEY L. GIRVIN
JOHN J. KISSLER
MAURICE T. WILLIAMS

To be major

RAY C. HERNANDEZ
LINDA K. LEWIS
CHRISTOPHER R. MORSE
HOWARD A. MURRAY
ANTHONY W. PARKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

LUIS DIAZ
GREGORY R. SOPEL

To be major

MICHAEL D. ALKOV
MARC F. CRAIG
LAURA R. FUENTES
JEFFREY B. HAMBRICE
CRISTIAN G. MORAZAN
MARK J. SAUER