

1959, the same year that presidential candidate John F. Kennedy visited the campus and spoke to the student body in Graff Main Hall auditorium;

Whereas U.S. News & World Report ranked the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse second among midwestern public universities offering bachelor's and master's degrees;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse men's athletic teams adopted the nickname "Eagles" in the fall of 1989, and the women's teams adopted that nickname a year later;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse athletic teams have won 59 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III titles in 9 different sports; and

Whereas 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 100th anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse; and

(2) commends the university for its status as a leading public university that excels in academics, athletics, and quality of life for students.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on the 100th anniversary of its founding. As the university celebrates 100 years of service to the people of Wisconsin, I am reminded of the excellent tradition of higher education championed not only by the state of Wisconsin, but by our entire Nation. Education is the driving force behind the prosperity of this nation, and institutions such as the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse have helped prepare our most influential leaders and scholars throughout our Nation's history. I applaud UW—La Crosse for its contributions to the state of Wisconsin and the U.S. over the past 100 years of its rich history.

One hundred years ago, Wisconsin State Senator Thomas Morris sponsored a bill that would eventually create the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse, which was founded in 1909 as the La Crosse State Normal School. The honorable Fassett A. Cotton, the university's first president, insisted that the education provided at his school would shape the whole person. The university's motto, emblazoned on its official seal, reads "mens corpusque", Latin for "mind and body". At the university's 50th anniversary in 1959, presidential candidate John F. Kennedy spoke to the students in the Graff Main Hall auditorium. Today, the university is recognized as a premier Midwestern public university by U.S. News & World Report. The University of Wisconsin—La Crosse offers 88 undergraduate programs in 44 disciplines, along with 26 graduate programs. Its athletics programs complement its superb academic reputation, having won 59 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III titles in nine different sports.

Therefore, in this centennial anniversary year for the reputable University of Wisconsin—La Crosse, I would recommend that educational institutions across the Nation look to La Crosse as an example of great academic achievement. I would also like to express my

gratitude to this university for providing 100 years of outstanding service to the people of Wisconsin.

SENATE RESOLUTION 259—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 13, 2009, AS "NATIONAL CELIAC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY"

Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 259

Whereas celiac disease affects approximately 1 in every 130 people in the United States, for a total of 3,000,000 people;

Whereas the majority of people with celiac disease have yet to be diagnosed;

Whereas celiac disease is a chronic inflammatory disorder that is classified as both an autoimmune condition and a genetic condition;

Whereas celiac disease causes damage to the lining of the small intestine, which results in overall malnutrition;

Whereas when a person with celiac disease consumes foods that contain certain protein fractions, that person suffers a cell-mediated immune response that damages the villi of the small intestine, interfering with the absorption of nutrients in food and the effectiveness of medications;

Whereas such problematic protein fractions are found in wheat, barley, rye, and oats, which are used to produce many foods, medications, and vitamins;

Whereas because celiac disease is a genetic disease, there is an increased incidence of celiac disease in families with a known history of celiac disease;

Whereas celiac disease is underdiagnosed because the symptoms can be attributed to other conditions and are easily overlooked by doctors and patients;

Whereas as recently as 2000, the average person with celiac disease waited 11 years for a correct diagnosis;

Whereas ½ of all people with celiac disease do not show symptoms of the disease;

Whereas celiac disease is diagnosed by tests that measure the blood for abnormally high levels of the antibodies of immunoglobulin A, anti-tissue transglutaminase, and IgA anti-endomysium antibodies;

Whereas celiac disease can be treated only by implementing a diet free of wheat, barley, rye, and oats, often called a "gluten-free diet";

Whereas a delay in the diagnosis of celiac disease can result in damage to the small intestine, which leads to an increased risk for malnutrition, anemia, lymphoma, adenocarcinoma, osteoporosis, miscarriage, congenital malformation, short stature, and disorders of skin and other organs;

Whereas celiac disease is linked to many autoimmune disorders, including thyroid disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, type 1 diabetes, liver disease, collagen vascular disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and Sjogren's syndrome;

Whereas the connection between celiac disease and diet was first established by Dr. Samuel Gee, who wrote, "if the patient can be cured at all, it must be by means of diet";

Whereas Dr. Samuel Gee was born on September 13, 1839; and

Whereas the Senate is an institution that can raise awareness in the general public and the medical community of celiac disease: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 13, 2009, as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day";

(2) recognizes that all people of the United States should become more informed and aware of celiac disease;

(3) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Celiac Disease Awareness Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

(4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Celiac Sprue Association, the American Celiac Society and the Celiac Disease Foundation.

SENATE RESOLUTION 260—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 16, 2009, AS "THE AMERICAN LEGION DAY"

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 260

Whereas, on September 16, 1919, Congress issued to the American Legion a Federal charter as a wartime veterans service organization;

Whereas the American Legion remains active in communities at the national, State, and local levels;

Whereas members of the American Legion (commonly referred to as "Legionnaires") provide millions of hours of volunteer service to medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and State homes for veterans throughout the United States;

Whereas the American Legion continues to sponsor activities for children and youth, including the National Oratorical Contest, Boy Scouts, American Legion Baseball, Boys State, and Boys Nation;

Whereas the American Legion awards millions of dollars in college scholarships to young men and women;

Whereas the American Legion National Emergency Fund provides financial assistance to Legionnaires displaced by natural disasters;

Whereas the American Legion Family Support Network provides assistance to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their families;

Whereas the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has provided millions of dollars to programs focused on youth in the United States, including the Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network;

Whereas the American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance provides grants to veterans with children experiencing financial hardships;

Whereas the American Legion remains second to none in steadfast support of strong national defense;

Whereas the American Legion supports maintaining a viable and principled foreign relations agenda;

Whereas the American Legion is a staunch advocate for the principal missions of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

Whereas the American Legion wrote the original draft of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 284, chapter 268), commonly referred to as the "G. I. Bill of Rights";

Whereas the American Legion continues to support employment programs and opportunities for veterans; and

Whereas Legionnaires believe that a veteran's service to the United States continues long after the veteran is honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates September 16, 2009, as "The American Legion Day".