loyalty and hard work in helping to make the Senate a more efficient, compatible working environment.

I thank Lula Davis, and I wish her the best in her retirement. I hope she doesn’t get too far away from the Senate and that she comes back to see us once in a while to help us untangle that ball of string, as I am sure it is bound to become tangled again sometime.

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 707) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

WHEREAS Lula Davis, the Secretary for the Majority, will be retiring at the end of the 111th Congress, after a long and distinguished career;

WHEREAS Lula Davis was first elected as Assistant Democratic Secretary in 1997, and she was the first woman ever to hold that position;

WHEREAS Lula Davis was elected to be the Secretary for the Majority at the beginning of the 111th Congress, the first African American to serve in this position, and during this time, she has expertly tackled one of the toughest jobs in politics;

WHEREAS throughout her time in the Senate, Lula Davis has played a major role in managing the debate and passage of many significant pieces of legislation;

WHEREAS many legislative accomplishments over the years would not have happened without the leadership of Lula Davis;

WHEREAS Lula Davis lived in rural Louisiana, and worked as a teacher and guidance counselor;

WHEREAS Lula Davis remains committed to children in our community, founding and continuing to run a nonprofit mentoring and charitable organization called “Leadership Cares”, which provides holiday meals to more than 650 families annually;

WHEREAS Lula Davis has encouraged many of her fellow Senate staff to volunteer alongside her family and friends to make a difference for those in need;

WHEREAS Lula Davis started her Senate career as a legislative aide to her home-state Senator Russell Long, and went on to work in almost every position on the floor staff, including office assistant, floor assistant, chief floor assistant, Assistant Secretary, and Secretary;

WHEREAS Lula Davis is a master of the complex formal and informal rules under which the Senate operates;

WHEREAS Lula Davis has consistently provided thoughtful and reliable advice to both Democratic and Republican leadership and all members of the Senate;

WHEREAS Lula Davis is loyal to the Senate and to Senators, and respects the traditions that make this body great;

WHEREAS the Senate has tremendous respect for Lula Davis and her hard work, and deeply appreciates her enormous contributions to the Senate and to the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITYvested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, I do hereby

Resolved, That the Senate expresses its deepest thanks to Lula Davis for her many years of outstanding service to the United States Senate and to the United States of America.

STAR PRINT—S. 583

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Calendar No. 706, S. 583, reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on December 17, 2010, be star printed with the changes at the desk. An incorrect version of the committee substitute amendment was reported to the Senate.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator BAYH be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Wednesday, December 22, and that Senator LINCOLN be authorized to sign any duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions on Thursday, December 23, and Friday, December 24.

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

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican leader, in consultation with the chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, pursuant to Public Law 111–211, appoints the following individuals to be members of the Indian Law and Order Commission: Troy Eid of Colorado and Jefferson Keel of Oklahoma.

Mr. BAYH. Madam President, I suggest that the absence of a quorum is...