

## S. RES. 275

Whereas, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, have served the United States by building the nuclear defense weapons of the United States;

Whereas these dedicated workers paid a high price for their service to develop a nuclear weapons program for the benefit of the United States, including having developed disabling or fatal illnesses;

Whereas the Senate recognized the contribution, service, and sacrifice these patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States in Senate Resolution 151, 111th Congress, agreed to May 20, 2009, and Senate Resolution 653, 111th Congress, agreed to September 28, 2010;

Whereas a national day of remembrance time capsule has been crossing the United States, collecting artifacts and the stories of the nuclear workers relating to the nuclear defense era of the United States;

Whereas these stories and artifacts reinforce the importance of recognizing these nuclear workers; and

Whereas these patriotic men and women deserve to be recognized for the contribution, service, and sacrifice they have made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 30, 2011, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, of the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2011, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers in the nuclear weapons program of the United States.

#### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF CHEMISTRY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 283, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 283) designating the year 2011 as the "International Year of Chemistry."

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 283) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas the United Nations has designated the year of 2011 as the International Year of Chemistry and is holding a worldwide celebration called "Chemistry—Our Life, Our Future", which recognizes the achievements made in the field of chemistry and the contributions of those achievements to the well-being of humankind;

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to the improvement of human life because of its power to transform;

Whereas chemistry provides solutions that successfully address global challenges involving safe food and water, alternate sources of energy, improved health, and a healthy and sustainable environment;

Whereas the members of chemical enterprise and industry, scientific societies, and academia in the United States, and the Government of the United States, generate important contributions to the economy of the United States, and energize the scientific and technological base with critical innovations;

Whereas 2011 represents the 100th anniversary of the award of the Nobel Prize to Marie Curie for the second time, the first time that an individual had received a second Nobel Prize;

Whereas Marie Curie has inspired generations of scientists to excel in their fields;

Whereas the purpose of the "Chemistry—Our Life, Our Future" celebration is to increase public appreciation of chemistry in meeting world needs, to further the development of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education at all levels, and to encourage interest in chemistry among young people in order to create a future corps of innovators;

Whereas exciting new practices of sustainable green chemistry incorporate design processes to maximize the amount of raw material that ends up in the end product, use safe, environmentally benign substances, including solvents, design energy efficient processes, and minimize waste disposal by not creating it in the first place; and

Whereas during the year of 2011, countries and organizations will reach out to adults and children through symposia, conferences, demonstrations, workshops, contests, school activities, exhibitions, and other public events to increase awareness of the history and importance of chemistry: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates the year of 2011 as the "International Year of Chemistry";

(2) supports the goals of the International Year of Chemistry;

(3) recognizes the necessity of educating the public on the merits of the sciences, including chemistry, and promoting interest in the sciences among the youth of the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to participate in the International Year of Chemistry through appropriate recognition of programs, activities, and ceremonies that call attention to the importance of chemistry to our well-being in the present and the future.

#### NATIONAL FALLS PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 284, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 284) designating September 23, 2011, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults.

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

Mr. REID. 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 thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 284) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas older adults, 65 years of age and older, are the fastest-growing segment of the population in the United States, and the number of older adults in the United States will increase from 35,000,000 in 2000 to 72,100,000 in 2030;

Whereas 1 out of 3 older adults in the United States falls each year;

Whereas falls are the leading cause of injury, death, and hospital admissions for traumatic injuries among older adults;

Whereas, in 2009, approximately 2,200,000 older adults were treated in hospital emergency departments for fall-related injuries, and more than 582,000 were subsequently hospitalized;

Whereas, in 2007, more than 18,400 older adults died from injuries related to unintentional falls;

Whereas the total cost of fall-related injuries for older adults is \$80,900,000,000, including more than \$19,000,000,000 in direct medical costs;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that if the rate of increase in falls is not slowed, the annual cost under the Medicare program will reach \$32,400,000,000 by 2020; and

Whereas evidence-based programs show promise in reducing falls and facilitating cost-effective interventions, such as comprehensive clinical assessments, exercise programs to improve balance and health, management of medications, correction of vision, and reduction of home hazards: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 23, 2011, as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day";

(2) commends the Falls Free Coalition and the falls prevention coalitions in 43 States and the District of Columbia for their efforts to work together to increase education and awareness about the prevention of falls among older adults;

(3) encourages businesses, individuals, Federal, State, and local governments, the public health community, and health care providers to work together to promote the awareness of falls in an effort to reduce the incidence of falls among older adults in the United States;

(4) urges the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to continue developing and evaluating strategies to prevent falls among older adults that will translate into effective fall prevention interventions, including community-based programs;

(5) encourages State health departments, which provide significant leadership in reducing injuries and injury-related health care costs by collaborating with colleagues and a variety of organizations and individuals, to reduce falls among older adults; and

(6) recognizes proven, cost-effective falls prevention programs and policies and encourages experts in the field to share their best practices so that their success can be replicated by others.