

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 214

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 215

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 215, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require oil polluters to pay the full cost of oil spills, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent the special rule for contributions of qualified conservation contributions.

S. 418

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 418, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol.

S. 1069

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the names of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 1069, a bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain footwear, and for other purposes.

S. 1273

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1273, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act with regard to certain exemptions under that Act for direct care workers and to improve the systems for the collection and reporting of data relating to the direct care workforce, and for other purposes.

S. 1409

At the request of Mr. CARPER, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1409, a bill to intensify efforts to identify, prevent, and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending.

S. 1454

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1454, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for extended months of Medicare coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients and other renal dialysis provisions.

S. 1591

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Alaska

(Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1591, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust.

S. 1773

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1773, a bill to promote local and regional farm and food systems, and for other purposes.

S. 1872

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1872, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE accounts established under State programs for the care of family members with disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 2071

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2071, a bill to grant the Secretary of the Interior permanent authority to authorize States to issue electronic duck stamps, and for other purposes.

S. 2134

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2134, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements relating to the retirement, adoption, care, and recognition of military working dogs, and for other purposes.

S. 2162

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2162, a bill to provide for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed-upon properties and for the stabilization of affected neighborhoods, and for other purposes.

S. 2172

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 2172, a bill to remove the limit on the anticipated award price for contracts awarded under the procurement program for women-owned small business concerns, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 310

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 310, a resolution designating 2012 as the "Year of the Girl" and Congratulating Girl Scouts of the USA on its 100th anniversary.

S. RES. 376

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 376, a resolution commemorating the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States and recognizing the contributions of the National Society of

the Sons of the American Revolution and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

AMENDMENT NO. 1760

At the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. PORTMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1760 intended to be proposed to S. 1813, a bill to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2183. A bill to provide funding for the Fugitive Extradition and Apprehension Trust Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am introducing legislation today that will help address the serious problem of fugitives who commit violent crimes in the United States and then flee to foreign countries.

This problem was highlighted by a recent investigative series in the Chicago Tribune newspaper. The Tribune reported on a number of horrible crimes that were allegedly committed in Illinois by suspects who now live openly in foreign countries. The Tribune identified at least 129 criminal suspects who have fled from northern Illinois over the last decade who remain at-large abroad. This problem appears to be growing steadily as our world becomes increasingly interconnected. The stories in the Tribune series are heartbreaking.

Here is one example. In 2000, 19-year-old Alma Chavez was living in Pilsen with her family and studying to become a nurse. After she broke up with her boyfriend, Raul Andrade Tolentino, he came looking for her one early morning at her house. As he later confessed, Tolentino stabbed Alma several times with a knife. As she lay dying in her living room, Alma called 911, and the police responded and found Tolentino. After he was arrested, Tolentino was then released on a \$20,000 bond. Just over a month later, Tolentino fled Illinois and eventually went to Mexico.

Intent on bringing his daughter's killer back to the U.S. justice system, Alma's father Bonifacio Chavez repeatedly went to Mexico, spending his money to track down leads on Tolentino and interview informants to learn his whereabouts. Even though Alma's father eventually found Tolentino's new town in Mexico, and U.S. authorities issued an arrest warrant in 2007, Bonifacio Chavez died without seeing Tolentino face the murder charge in Illinois. To this day, Tolentino remains free, and the rest of the Chavez family is still waiting for him to be prosecuted.

This is just one of the many cases brought to light by the Tribune series. What has struck me most about these international fugitive cases is the deep