suffering from the invisible wounds of war receive proper treatment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 27, 2012, as ''National Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Awareness Day'';

(2) supports the efforts of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to educate servicemembers, veterans, the families of servicemembers and veterans, and the public about the causes, symptoms, and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (referred to in this resolution as ''PTSD''); and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE E. JAMES ABDNOR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent to proceed to S. Res. 475.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 475) relating to the death of the Honorable E. James Abdnor, former United States Senator and Congressman from the State of South Dakota.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 475) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 475

Whereas James Abdnor was born in Kennebec, South Dakota, on February 13, 1923, and was the son of an immigrant from Lebanon who peddled and homesteaded in Lyman County, South Dakota;

Whereas James Abdnor enlisted in the United States Army during World War II, farmed in Kennebec after graduating from the University of Nebraska in 1945, and later taught and coached in neighboring Presho;

Whereas James Abdnor served as Chairman of the Lyman County Young Republicans in 1950, Chairman of the State Young Republicans from 1950 to 1952, and Farm Chairman of the Young Republican National Federation from 1953 to 1955;

Whereas James Abdnor served as the First Assistant Chief Clerk of the South Dakota House of Representatives during the legislative sessions of 1951, 1953, and 1955;

Whereas James Abdnor was elected to the South Dakota Senate in 1956, where he served until his election as the 30th Lieutenant Governor of the State of South Dakota, a position he served in from 1969 through 1971;

Whereas James Abdnor was elected to the United States House of Representatives for the 93rd United States Congress in 1972 and served a total of 4 consecutive terms, representing the Second Congressional District of South Dakota;

Whereas James Abdnor served on the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee on Aging of the House of Representatives;

Whereas James Abdnor was elected to the United States Senate for the 97th United States Congress in 1980 and was appointed Chairman of 3 subcommittees on his first day, including the Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Subcommittee on Water Resources of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Agriculture and Transportation of the Joint Economic Committee;

Whereas James Abdnor was appointed Vice Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee and served on the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate;

Whereas James Abdnor was a voice for the rural United States in Congress, where he advocated for family farms and small business, rural water systems and electrification, a balanced budget, and small-town values;

Whereas James Abdnor was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve as the Administrator of the United States Small Business Administration from 1987 to 1989 following his service in the United States Congress;

Whereas James Abdnor will be remembered for his humble service to his constituents, dedication to the youth of South Dakota, and defining influence on South Dakota politics; and

Whereas the hallmarks of James Abdnor's public service were his integrity, kindness, respect for the common man, and love for South Dakota: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate expresses profound sorrow and deep regret regarding the death of the Honorable James Abdnor, former member of the United States Senate and House of Representatives for the State of South Dakota, on May 16, 2012;

(2) the Senate respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate communicate this resolution to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased; and

(3) when the Senate adjourns today, the Senate stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable James Abdnor.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

Mr. REID. There is a joint resolution at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the joint resolution by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S. J. Res. 41) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Mr. REID. I ask for a second reading, the purpose of which is to place this joint resolution on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, but after having said that, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The joint resolution will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that from Friday, May 25, through Monday, June 4, Senator LEAHY be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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

APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority leader and minority leader 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.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 25 THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 29, at 11 a.m.; and Thursday, May 31, at 12 p.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Thursday, May 31 until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 4; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the majority leader be recognized; further, that at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. It is my intention to resume the motion to proceed to S. 3220, the paycheck fairness bill, when the Senate convenes on Monday, June 4. There will be a rollcall vote on confirmation of the Hillman nomination.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012, AT 2:30 P.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the provisions of S. Res. 475 as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator James Abdnor of South Dakota.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:21 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 25, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.