

National Council in Benghazi during the 2011 Libyan revolution;

Whereas Ambassador Stevens was a dear friend of the Senate, having served on the staff of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in 2006 and 2007 as a distinguished Pearson Fellow;

Whereas Foreign Service Information Management Officer Sean Smith—

(1) was a husband and a father of 2 children;

(2) joined the Department of State 10 years ago after serving in the United States Air Force; and

(3) had served in the Foreign Service, before arriving in Benghazi, in Baghdad, Pretoria, Montreal, and The Hague;

Whereas Tyrone Woods was a husband and a father of three children, who, after two decades of service as a Navy SEAL that included tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, began working with the Department of State to protect United States diplomatic personnel;

Whereas Glen Doherty, after 12 years of service as a Navy SEAL that included tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, began working with the Department of State to protect United States diplomatic personnel;

Whereas the 4 Americans who perished in the Benghazi attack made great sacrifices and showed bravery in taking on a difficult post in Libya;

Whereas the violence in Benghazi coincided with an attack on the United States Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, which was also swarmed by an angry mob of protesters on September 11, 2012;

Whereas on a daily basis, United States diplomats, military personnel, and other public servants risk their lives to serve the American people; and

Whereas throughout this Nation's history, thousands of Americans have sacrificed their lives for the ideals of freedom, democracy, and partnership with nations and people around the globe.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the dedicated service and deep commitment of Ambassador John Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty in assisting the Libyan people as they navigate the complex currents of democratic transition marked in this case by profound instability;

(2) praises Ambassador Stevens, who represented the highest tradition of American public service, for his extraordinary record of dedication to the United States' interests in some of the most difficult and dangerous posts around the globe;

(3) sends its deepest condolences to the families of those American public servants killed in Benghazi;

(4) commends the bravery of Foreign Service Officers, United States Armed Forces, and public servants serving in harm's way around the globe and recognizes the deep sacrifices made by their families; and

(5) condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the despicable attacks on American diplomats and public servants in Benghazi and calls for the perpetrators of such attacks to be brought to justice.

SENATE RESOLUTION 589—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 24, 2012, AS “SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY” AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE VALUE OF LOCALLY OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs.

HUTCHISON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ENZI, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. COONS, Mr. KIRK, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was:

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Whereas small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all businesses having employees (commonly referred to as “employer firms”) in the United States;

Whereas small businesses employ ½ of the employees in the private sector in the United States;

Whereas small businesses pay 44 percent of the total payroll of the employees in the private sector in the United States;

Whereas small businesses are responsible for more than 50 percent of the private, non-farm product of the gross domestic product;

Whereas small businesses generated 65 percent of net new jobs during the last 17 years;

Whereas small businesses generate 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs annually;

Whereas small businesses focus on 2 key strategies: deepening relationships with customers and creating value for customers;

Whereas, for every \$100 spent with locally owned, independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through local taxes, payroll, and other expenditures;

Whereas 92 percent of consumers in the United States agree that the success of small businesses is critical to the overall economic health of the United States;

Whereas 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue;

Whereas 91 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed;

Whereas 99 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important to support the small businesses in their community; and

Whereas 90 percent of consumers in the United States are willing to pledge support for a “buy local” movement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 24, 2012, as “Small Business Saturday”; and

(2) supports efforts—

(A) to encourage consumers to shop locally; and

(B) to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses and the impact of locally owned small businesses on the economy of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2849. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3576, to provide limitations on United States assistance, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2850. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3525, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2851. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2852. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2853. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2854. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2855. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2856. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2857. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2858. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3525, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2859. Mr. REID (for Mr. CARDIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1956, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

SA 2860. Mr. REID (for Mr. MERKLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1956, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

SA 2861. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4850, to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals.

SA 2862. Mr. PRYOR (for Mrs. SHAHEEN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4850, to allow for innovations and alternative technologies that meet or exceed desired energy efficiency goals.

SA 2863. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to S. Res. 466, calling for the release from prison of former Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko.

SA 2864. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. AKAKA) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3193, to make technical corrections to the legal description of certain land to be held in trust for the Barona Band of Mission Indians, and for other purposes.

SA 2865. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BLUMENTHAL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2453, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain.

SA 2866. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to S. 3315, to repeal or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office.

SA 2867. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2838, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2013 through 2014, and for other purposes.

SA 2868. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2838, supra.

SA 2869. Mr. PRYOR (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2606,