

Nelson Mandela Foundation and its two sister organizations, the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund and the Mandela-Rhodes Foundation;

Whereas, on July 18, 2007, Nelson Mandela convened the Elders, a group of world leaders including Desmond Tutu, Graca Machel, and former United States President Jimmy Carter, to contribute their wisdom and insight towards addressing some of the world's toughest problems;

Whereas the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize was jointly awarded to Nelson Mandela and Frederik Willem de Klerk "for their work for the peaceful termination of the apartheid regime, and for laying the foundations for a new democratic South Africa";

Whereas Congress contributed to the attainment of the political ideals and goals for which Nelson Mandela struggled, by enacting the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-440) on October 2, 1986, and has honored Nelson Mandela by passing the Mandela Freedom Resolution in the House of Representatives on September 18, 1984 (H. Res. 430, 98th Congress), and in the Senate on October 10, 1984 (S. Res. 386, 98th Congress), by adopting the resolution concerning United States support for the new South Africa on October 5, 1994 (H. Res. 560, 103rd Congress), and by awarding Nelson Mandela the Congressional Gold Medal on July 29, 1998;

Whereas former United States President Bill Clinton honored Nelson Mandela with the Philadelphia Liberty Medal in 1993, and former United States President George W. Bush honored Nelson Mandela with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002;

Whereas, on July 18 of each year, people around the world celebrate Nelson Mandela Day, in recognition of Nelson Mandela's birthday, by devoting their time to community service in honor of his legacy;

Whereas, in 1995, Nelson Mandela wrote: "I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom come responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended."; and

Whereas Nelson Mandela leaves a legacy that transcends his time and place in history, which will guide and inspire generations to come: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the life, accomplishments, and legacy of former South African President Nelson Mandela;

(2) extends its heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the members of the family of the late President Nelson Mandela and his fellow citizens;

(3) requests the Secretary of State to communicate these expressions of honor and condolence to Nelson Mandela's family and to the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa; and

(4) requests the President to identify an appropriate and lasting program of the United States Government to honor Nelson Mandela's legacy.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2546. Mr. REID (for Mr. WHITEHOUSE) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 263, designating the week of September 23 through September 29, 2013, as "National Estuaries Week".

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2546. Mr. REID (for Mr. WHITEHOUSE) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 263, designating the week of September 23 through September 29, 2013, as "National Estuaries Week"; as follows:

In the seventh whereas clause of the preamble, strike "extreme weather events" and insert "hurricanes and storms".

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, insert "some" before "bays in the United States".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2013, at 11 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

CONGRATULATING THE AMERICAN JEWISH JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 299, and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 299) congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and commending its significant contribution to empower and revitalize developing communities around the world.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 299) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of Tuesday, November 19, 2013, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

NATIONAL ESTUARIES WEEK

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 263 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 263) designating the week of September 23 through September 29 as "National Estuaries Week."

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the Whitehouse amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 263) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2546) was agreed to, as follows:

In the seventh whereas clause of the preamble, strike "extreme weather events" and insert "hurricanes and storms".

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, insert "some" before "bays in the United States".

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

(The resolution will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent we now proceed to S. Res. 320.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 320) designating December 14, 2013, as "Wreaths Across America Day."

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 320) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF NELSON ROLIHLEHLA MANDELA

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. Res. 321.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 321) honoring the life, accomplishments, and legacy of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and expressing condolences on his passing.

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

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, last week the world lost a true hero with